

## LOCAL WEATHER

Generally fair tonight and Wednesday with cold wave. Temperature slightly below zero tonight. Today's temperatures: 6 a. m., 15; 8 a. m., 13; 1 p. m., 19.

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# GERMANY PROPOSES PEACE WITH RETURN OF PRACTICALLY ALL CONQUERED LANDS

## INDEPENDENT POLISH AND LITHUANIAN STATES WITH ENLARGEMENT OF BULGARIA SUGGESTED

Berlin's Proposition Made to "Smoke Out" Allies And to Escape Responsibility For Further Bloodshed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Germany's peace proposals, according to a German embassy official, will include a suggestion that the territorial status of the nations engaged be returned "practically" to what it was before the war started.

The exemptions are establishment of independent kingdoms of Poland and Lithuania and some readjustments of international boundaries in the Balkans.

On the latter question, it was said, the situation is so complicated that it is hard at this time definitely to suggest anything like positive terms that will be accepted by all belligerents.

Bulgaria Wants Territory Back  
The one concrete suggestion made is that Bulgaria probably will want the return of the territory she lost in the second Balkan war, and it is supposed Germany guaranteed this when Czar Ferdinand cast his lot with the central powers.

The peace terms, the United Press informant said, include the evacuation of northern France, restoration of the kingdom of Belgium, at least a partial restoration of Serbia and Rumania, and the return to Germany of her lost colonies.

## Germany's Attitude

The factors which are said to have led to the German peace proposals at this time are:

The favorable military position of the central powers.

The fact that the winter at hand will necessitate cessation of hard fighting for three months.

A desire to "smoke out" the allies to announce just what they are fighting for.

Desire to convince the world and the German people wherever they are, that Germany is not fighting a war of territorial conquest.

Desire, if war continues, to let the world know Germany will not be responsible for further bloodshed.

The peace terms outlined, the German official intimated, are not necessarily Germany's final proposition.

The important question is to find out whether the allies will talk peace," said this official.

## Would Avert "Knock-out"

"Germany makes the proposal in order to find out whether it may be found possible to stop fighting before either side is able to get in what Lloyd George called in his interview with the United Press some time ago a 'knock-out'."

Although he has no appointment, it is expected Ambassador von Bernstorff will see Secretary Lansing and thoroughly discuss with him the whole matter. It is believed possible von Bernstorff may shortly express a desire for an audience with President Wilson.

It is not believed Ambassador Gerard had any definite information of Germany's peace proposals when he left Berlin. In diplomatic circles it was said Germany's action must have been partly determined by the success of the Rumanian campaign, and by cabinet crises in England and France. The peace conference, if it comes, probably will be held either at Bern or at The Hague, it was predicted.

## New York Money

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Money on call, 4 1/2 per cent; prime mercantile, 4 per cent; bar silver, London, 26 3/4 d.; New York, 76c.

## OUTSTANDING FACTS IN FIRST MOVE TO BRING END OF GREAT EUROPEAN WAR

Germany and her allies suggested peace Tuesday in notes dispatched through neutral diplomats at Berlin to the entente powers.

The United Press learned in Washington, on the highest authority, that the proposals were based on the following:

Restoration of the territorial status as it existed before the war, except to create independent kingdoms of Poland and Lithuania.

The question of adjustment of boundary lines in the Balkans is left open and probably will entail the most serious complications.

At 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon the full text of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's speech before the reichstag outlining the proposals, had not been received in the United States.

In addition to notifying neutral powers of Germany's readiness to discuss peace, a separate note was dispatched to Pope Benedict declaring Germany was ready to set before the world the question of whether it was possible to find a basis of understanding.

No statement was forthcoming from the foreign office in London.

It was declared no comment would be made until Germany's terms were officially known and all of the entente powers had been consulted.

In his speech before the reichstag the chancellor said "during the long earnest years of the war the kaiser has been moved by the single thought of how peace might be restored so as to safeguard Germany after a struggle which she has fought victoriously."

Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg asked for the guarantee of the "existence, honor and liberty of evolution" for the Teutonic powers as an appropriate basis for the establishment of lasting peace.

Neither the state department nor the white house would make any comment on the proposals.

## RUMANIAN SUCCESS MAKES GERMANY MORE SECURE THAN EVER DECLARES CHANCELLOR TO THE REICHSTAG



CHANCELLOR VON BETHMANN HOLLWEG

## STOCKS HIT SLIDE WHEN CURB HEARS OF PEACE MOVE

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's announcement that Germany had formally proposed peace caused a near panic in Wall street Tuesday and prices

on the stock exchange broke two to five points.

In spite of the mad rush of bears to sell, the stampede apparently had been halted an hour after the Berlin flash appeared, by the belief of conservative traders that the announcement does not mean peace is near.

Anglo-French bonds, which Monday dropped to a new low level, advanced 1 1/2 to 93 1/2 as the result of the Hollweg announcement. Great Britain and Ireland five per cents sold up 1/2 at 98 3/4 and City

## FOOD SITUATION IS BETTERED BY SUCCESS IN ARMS

Large Resources of Grain Captured in Rumania Declares Bethmann-Hollweg

## SAFE ON ALL FRONTS

Western Front More Ample Provided with Men and Munitions Despite Allied Offensive

BERLIN, via London, Dec. 12.—

"If, in spite of today's offer of peace and reconciliation the struggle between the nations should continue, Germany and her allies are resolved to continue the war to a victorious end, but they solemnly decline every responsibility before humanity and history," was one of Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg's outstanding declarations in the reichstag on Tuesday.

The chancellor did not state any definite peace terms in his speech.

"Our lines are as unshaken as ever," the chancellor said, "against the repeated attempts of the armies of our enemies. The last attack in the Balkans was rapidly and victoriously overcome. The most recent events have demonstrated that the further continuance of the war will not result in breaking the resistance of our forces."

"The whole situation, with regard to our troops justified the expectation of further successes."

"If our enemies decline to make peace now, wishing to take upon themselves the world's heavy burden and all the horrors which will hereafter follow, even in the least and smallest homes, every German heart will burn with sacred wrath against these enemies who are unwilling to stop human slaughter in order that their plans of conquest and annihilation may continue. In this fateful hour, we took a fateful decision—God will be the judge. We proceed on our way without fear and unshaken, ready for fighting and ready for peace."

## Points to Achievements

A crowded house and thronged galleries listened in respectful silence when the chancellor arose for his speech, in which he first outlined the extraordinary political situation and then, insisting upon the achievements of the central powers, made the announcement which possibly may act as the turning point in the war, which for more than two years has held the world under its spell.

"The chancellor said it was fortunate that the reichstag had not been adjourned, but that the calling of the next meeting had been left to the discretion of the president."

"This decision," said the chancellor, "was caused by the hope that

## NEUTRAL POWERS ARE ASKED TO TRANSMIT KAISER'S PROPOSALS TO ENEMY CAPITALS

Chancellor Tells Reichstag Germany Is Ready To Make Peace On Guarantees Of Existence And Freedom Of Evolution

BERLIN, via London, Dec. 12.—Declaring themselves ready to end the great European war on terms which will guarantee existence, honor and liberty of evolution for the central powers, Germany and her allies today asked the neutral powers of the United States, Spain and Switzerland to present proposals for peace to the governments of her enemies. The ambassadors of each of the warring countries were called into Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's office one after the other this morning, and identical notes containing Germany's tender of peace were given to each for transmission to his government.

Later in the day, the chancellor went before a special session of the reichstag and informed the members of the government's move, in a brief speech in which he declared Germany had never been more secure in the conduct of the war, and never more successful now that Von Hindenburg's offensive has over-run Rumania and captured Bucharest.

"Unconfused, we have progressed," the chancellor told the reichstag. "It is our firm decision thus to continue to progress, always ready to defend ourselves to the end of the nation's existence," he said, "and for its free and safe future."

"We are always ready to stretch out the hand of peace. Our strength has not made our ears dumb against responsibility before God, before our nation and before humanity."

Former declarations, he said, had been evaded by Germany's adversaries and are now advanced further. During the long earnest years of the war, the chancellor declared, the emperor has been moved by a single thought:

"How peace can be restored so as to safeguard Germany after a struggle which she has fought victoriously."

## Kaiser Holds Time Ripe

The emperor now considers the moment has come to take official action toward peace. He has therefore, the chancellor continued, in complete harmony with Germany's allies, decided to propose to the hostile governments to enter peace negotiations. This morning he transmitted a note to this effect through representatives of the powers watching Germany's interests and rights in hostile states.

The chancellor asked the neutral nations which represent Germany and her allied powers at the capitals of the nations with which she is at war, to bring these proposals to the attention of Germany's enemies.

The text was also communicated to the Vatican at Rome and to all other neutral powers.

Germany's note to Pope Benedict declares Germany is ready to give peace to the world by setting before the world the question of whether it is possible to find a basis of understanding.

The propositions which Germany advances in these negotiations, are, according to Germany's belief, appropriate for the establishment of lasting peace.

The governments at Vienna, Constantinople and Sofia transmitted identical notes.

The exact text of the first announcement of Germany's intention, as wirelessly by the official press bureau Tuesday to neutral countries, was as follows:

"The chancellor Tuesday morning received one after the other the representatives of the United States of America and Spain and Switzerland—that is, of the states protecting German interests in hostile foreign countries.

The chancellor transmitted to them a note and asked them to bring it to the knowledge of the hostile governments."

"The note will be read, complete, today in the reichstag by the chancellor."

"In the note, the four allied powers propose to enter forthwith into peace negotiations."

"The propositions which they bring for such negotiations are, according to their belief, appropriate for establishing lasting peace."

"The governments of Vienna, Constantinople and Sofia transmitted

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1—Wed 11,831	16—Thur 11,842
2—Thur 11,867	17—Fri 11,841
3—Fri 11,861	18—Sat 11,831
4—Sat 11,837	19—Sunday
5—Sunday	20—Mon 11,809
6—Mon 11,851	21—Tue 11,827
7—Tue 11,829	22—Wed 11,854
8—Wed 11,840	23—Thur 11,833
9—Thur 11,838	24—Fri 11,821
10—Fri 11,901	25—Sat 11,846
11—Sat 11,808	26—Sunday
12—Sunday	27—Mon 11,819
13—Mon 11,831	28—Tue 11,839
14—Tue 11,824	29—Wed 11,804
15—Wed 11,859	30—Thur 11,816
Total	397,732
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Total average for Nov.

**12,091**

Frank H. Burgess, business manager of the La Crosse Tribune, do solemnly swear that the actual number of copies of the paper named, printed and circulated during the month of November, 1916, was as above stated.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this second day of December, 1916.

Notary Public.

**WEATHER**

U.S. Weather Bureau  
Sunrise tomorrow, 7:31 a. m.  
Sunset tomorrow, 4:27 p. m.  
Yesterday's Temperatures  
High, 28; low, 14; precipitation,  
.10

**Forecasts.**  
For Wisconsin: Unsettled with snow flurries east portion tonight. Wednesday partly cloudy. Cold wave tonight and Wednesday. Fresh north-easterly winds.  
For Minnesota: Generally fair tonight and Wednesday. Colder tonight. Cold wave east portion. Fresh northwest winds.  
For Iowa: Unsettled with snow flurries this afternoon and in east portion tonight. Colder tonight. Wednesday fair and much colder. Fresh northwest winds.

**Weather Conditions.**  
The storm center has moved into the north Atlantic states and snow has fallen from the Rocky mountain districts to the middle Atlantic states and rain along the middle and north Atlantic coast, and precipitation is falling at most stations throughout this section this morning.  
An area of high pressure and cold wave is central in Saskatchewan, where the temperature is 20 degrees below zero.  
This high will cause zero temperature in this section tonight with unsettled weather. Wednesday will be generally fair and cold.

**The Searchlight**

**PROTECTING PLANTS FROM FROST**

A device which will overcome the trouble of wrapping plants and bushes with straw to protect them from the frost is made of specially prepared paper. It consists of four triangular pieces with their short sides connected together by wire. It can be spread out flat on the ground and when its protection is needed the points can be drawn together making a pyramid form that completely covers the plants. It is held in place by anchor pins which fasten it to the ground. The paper is waterproofed and toughened by chemical preparations which make it impervious to the weather.

**COTTON PRODUCTION GROWS**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The total cotton production in the United States for the past season amounted to 11,711,000 bales, against 11,191,820 last year, according to estimates by the United States bureau of crop estimates Monday.

**A Single Application Banishes Every Hair**

(The Modern Beauty.)  
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**ENFORCEMENT OF PEACE**

While Europe is fighting and bleeding, America is watching and wondering how it can help prevent the recurrence of a similar tragedy. The League to Enforce Peace is one of a number of organizations formed to secure the world from the pitiful sorrow of battle. All sorts of plans are proposed for the reorganization of the world on a peace basis.

The essential trouble is that a very great section of the world is not peace loving. Here in America, where most people are convinced that peace is at least a desirable end, we fail to understand more warlike ideas and temperaments. In Europe there are peoples who have been taught to believe in war as an essential factor in the making of a great nation.

When a nation takes that attitude, it becomes a bad neighbor. By constant attention to war preparations, by training up a people with that end in view, it can become almost invincible. While other nations are passing resolutions and sending their delegates to their federations and parliaments, the warlike nations are drilling and making guns. When the clash comes, it is the equipped and drilled nation that wins.

Unless certain European peoples change this temper of theirs, it will be exceedingly difficult for a group of peace loving nations to maintain peace except at the cost of interminable war. This involves militarism, great armaments, a constant drilling, and disastrous expense.

There are those who still insist it would be a very doubtful policy for the United States to join any league which should expect to make war on a European nation that broke the peace. If they are right, at least the United States has economic weapons of vast power in its hands. If it is ready to boycott and isolate any nations that wilfully break the peace, it will have done much to convince the war lords that war, after all, is not the beneficent force they had thought it. However, it may be time for this country to signalize its arrival as a world power by entering actively into an "entangling alliance" with Europe to secure the world's peace.

**SAFETY AS WELL AS HONOR INVOLVED**

Probably it is true that strict neutrality is calculated to make all belligerents hate us, and after the war that may lead to embarrassment. But small indeed would this bother be, compared with the predicament of facing a winner of unneutral discrimination against whom we had been guilty.

Figure it as one will, on paper it always come out one way. Population and resources show that the allies will win. But the trouble with that is that they are not winning. They've been always about to win, and hopeful. But two failures on the eastern and two on the western front, with that Dardanelles fiasco, the destruction of Serbia and now, to cap the climax of Balkan disasters, the Rumanian blunder—these have a tendency to check enthusiasm over the "humiliation of Germany". Now the British ministry falls, which seems in a way to confess the failure of the 1916 campaigns.

Neutrality should be a matter of national conscience, without relation to consequences. However, it is quite the human thing for neutral nation to have "leanings" dictated by the future outlook, and even American neutrality has its "practical" side. We've a notion that one of the most "practical" ideas possible is that Uncle Sam should cut out the "leaning", at least until he is sure which way Fate is going to jump. This is not true merely as a matter of safety from chastisement, were we even to consider that phase, but because commercial and industrial plans laid upon the presumption of an allied victory might go astray in case of the triumph of the Central Powers.

With super-dreadnaughts on one side and sub-sea dreadnaughts on the other, we may well sail on an even keel for the present.

**WHADJA KNOW ABOUT EDGERTON?**

Did you know that Edgerton clears more tobacco sales than any other city in the world?

Of course you didn't—unless you are in the tobacco business.

When it was announced that Edgerton High was to play the La Crosse High for the state championship, most of us who were not too lazy pulled out the state map to find out where Edgerton is located.

But—  
Hereafter everybody will know where Edgerton is. It's the town that won the state high school football championship. On Thanksgiving day it sprang from darkness and the unknown to the limelight of fame. It might have gone on for a century as the greatest tobacco market, without emerging from obscurity, but as a football town it has entered renown upon a forward pass.

Now we are not concerned with the question of whether tobacco should be rated above the pigskin. The point is one we have made before, "it pays to advertise" applies to cities as well as to merchandise, and the surest and best city advertising is athletics, because people read the "sport" stories, and newspapers that want to keep their subscribers simply have to publish the scores. The high school and normal teams have given La Crosse free advertising this city could not have purchased for thousands of dollars.

**REFERRED TO CHIEF WEBBER**

"Big Bill" Thompson, mayor of Chicago, says he hasn't made up his mind whether a segregated red-light district is not advisable. The matter is not of vital importance, for "Big Bill" is nearly through as mayor of Chicago, in the slang as well as chronological significance of the term, but it puts Mr. Thompson's presidential aspirations in a weird light. A gentleman whose thinking is so antediluvian that he is not certain commercialized vice is bad business for a community is a political anachronism. As presidential timber he compares unfavorably with a match.

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**Out of the Mouths of Kids**  
Mamma—There, dear, it's too late to be crying now. You say it was an hour ago you hurt yourself.  
Five-Year-Old—But there was no one to hear me till you came, so I couldn't cry till now.

**No Ground for Complaint**  
Sandy, the plumber, was working on a town job with an apprentice. In the course of the forenoon the boss visited the job, and failing to find Sandy anywhere about the premises, decided to wait his return. "Where have you been?" demanded the boss, when Sandy put in an appearance.  
"Gettin' ma hair cut," answered Sandy, quite coolly.  
"And how dare you get your hair cut in my time?"  
"Well, disna it grow in your time?"

**Personal Magnetism**  
Feminist—Just think, if the girls were taken away from this college, what would follow?  
Chorus of Roughts—We would—Chaparral.

**Speaking of Appetites**  
A huge eating competition had been held by some brawny sons of toil in a country town in Yorkshire, and one of the competitors had succeeded in disposing of a large mutton, a plentiful supply of vegetables, and a plum-pudding, the whole washed down with copious draughts of ale.  
He was unanimously declared the winner and was being triumphantly escorted home when he turned to his admirers and said:  
"Ah, say lads, don't thee say nowt o' this to my old woman, or she won't gie me no dinner!"—Tit-Bits.

**Paw Speaks**  
Willie Willis—Pa, what do they mean by "Shoemaker, stick to your last?"  
Papa Willis—Wait, my son, until you are old enough to see ball players on the stage, legitimate actors in the movies and movie actresses writing newspaper articles, and then you will know.—Judge.

**Very**  
Bing—He's very active in financial matters, isn't he?  
Bang—You bet; he owes me ten dollars, and every time he sees me he dodges me.—Town Topics.

**As Usual**  
"What did the doctor say?"  
"He felt of Jones' purse and say there was no hope."—Dallas News.

**THE TRIBUNE'S DAILY TRAVELETTE**  
(By Nilsah)

**XANTEN**  
Xanten is a little old German city on the lower Rhine, close to the boundary of the Netherlands. It is the site of one of the most curious cathedrals in the world. The cathedral in fact seems to be Xanten's sole reason for existence. It has given the town its name, and whatever of reputation it may have. The cathedral in turn takes its name and its fame from the somewhat grisly contents of its houses—the bones of three hundred and thirty holy men and martyrs, carefully collected by the mother of an emperor. It is a storehouse crowded with the bones of saints—hence Santen, or Xanten.  
The little city lies in a flat plain, of the sort that makes up the whole of the Netherlands, the Low Countries, to which the region belongs in almost everything but political affiliation. The Rhine here is a sullen murky stream, almost an arm of an inland sea, lashed by storms that whip in cold and gray-clouded from the German Ocean. The two spires of Xanten cathedral arise from the flatness like twin exclamation points, like the concrete protest of their builders against the monotony of the landscape.  
Xanten town makes the impression of immense age. It has the atmosphere of antiquity almost as strongly as a museum. It still conforms almost exactly to the shape of its old walls, though of the walls themselves hardly a trace remains. They have faded into dust with time. But the town has never found the energy to spread out beyond the old-time limits. There is a brisk traffic on the Rhine, of course, but little of it passes here. Xanten in an age of commercialism, on one of the great commercial arteries of Europe, is still primarily religious rather than commercial.  
The great cathedral dominates the town. It is full of a gloomy richness, its walls are decorated with an ornateness only saved from bad taste by a certain solidity and a touch of the impressive. Everywhere are the bones of the three hundred and thirty, carefully preserved in glass-encased cases, a spectacle that might be horrible were it not for its spiritual significance and the trustful adoration with which so many generations have regarded it.

**DO NOT COVER FISH**

Do not cover frying pan when frying fish, as it makes the fish soft.

**OTHER PEOPLE'S BUSINESS**

By Harriet Lammis Smith  
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Diantha's mother might have prescribed quinine had she noted anything unusual in the girl's demeanor. But Annabel had reached a crucial stage in her flirtation with Thad West. The boy was developing a gratifying jealousy of the tenor singer in the Unitarian church choir and must be treated with a nice commingling of indulgence and severity to prevent his asserting himself in the crude masculine fashion, and either terminating the intimacy or else permanently getting the upper hand. Annabel was enjoying the crisis of the same and found it impossible to spare from her own absorbing interests a thought for such a minor consideration as Diantha's mood.

Diantha anticipated the time when she was to call for her finished frock by more than an hour. "I know you are not ready yet," she apologized, as Persis looked at the clock. "But I thought I'd like to watch you work, if you don't mind."  
"Of course I don't mind, child. Just put those fashion books in the table and take the easy chair." Persis bent over the finishings of the little frock with a vague satisfaction in the nearness of the motionless figure. She was growing fond of Diantha, a not unnatural result of the adoring attention Diantha had lavished upon her for a week past. But because Persis was a woman with a living to make, and Diantha was a girl with a dream to be dreamed, scarcely a word was spoken till the last stitch was taken.

"There!" Persis removed a basting thread with a jerk, making an unsuccessful pretense that the finishing of this dress was like the completion of any other piece of work. "There! It's done at last. I suppose you'll want to try it on."  
"Yes," said Diantha. "I'll try it on. And as the faded blue serge slipped from her shoulders to be replaced by the white lawn, the Diantha who had been, took her departure to that remote country from which the children never come back.

Persis was almost appalled by the result for which she was principally responsible. The tail Diantha in a dress to her shoe-tops was disconcertingly unlike the little girl she had known. She looked older than her years, stately, self-contained and beautiful. It was not till Persis had fortified herself by the reflection that she might as well be hung for an old sheep as for a lamb, that she ventured another revolutionary suggestion.  
"Diantha, I s'pose you'll make some change in the way you do your hair?"  
"Yes, indeed," Diantha, scrutinizing herself in the mirror, frowned at the drooping curls with an air of restrained disgust. "This way is only suitable for children."  
Persis' negligent gesture called attention to the open door of the bedroom. "There's a box of hairpins on the dresser. If you like, you can fix yourself up and surprise your mother."

Diantha vanished swiftly. She had no illusions regarding the nature of the coming surprise. Her mother would be very angry, but the sooner that storm had spent itself, the better. Relentlessly the golden curls were sacrificed to the impressive coiffure of the woman of fashion. For a novice Diantha was remarkably deft, her skill suggesting periods of anticipatory practice with her door locked and no eyes but her own to admire the effect.

During the progress of this rite, Persis in the adjoining room, looked at the clock, glanced at the window and then paced the floor, for once in her well-disciplined life too nervous to utilize the flying moments. Persis was in the dilemma of a stage manager whose curtain is ready to go up and whose prima donna is about to appear, while the audience has failed to materialize. To such mischances does one subject one's self in assuming the responsibilities of a deputy-providence.

Then her brow cleared, even while her heart jumped into her throat.

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The prompt and positive action of this simple, inexpensive home-made remedy in quickly healing the inflamed or swollen membranes of the throat, chest or bronchial tubes and breaking up tight coughs, has caused it to be used in more homes than any other cough remedy. Under its healing, soothing influence, chest soreness goes, phlegm loosens, breathing becomes easier, tickling in throat stops and you get a good night's restful sleep. The usual throat and chest colds are conquered by it in 24 hours or less. Nothing better for bronchitis, hoarseness, croup, whooping cough, bronchial asthma or winter coughs.

To make this splendid cough syrup, pour 2½ ounces of Pinex (50 cents worth), into a pint bottle and fill the bottle with plain granulated sugar syrup and shake thoroughly. You then have a full pint—a family supply—of a much better cough syrup than you could buy ready-made for \$2.50. Keeps perfectly and children love its pleasant taste.

Pinex is a special and highly concentrated compound of genuine Norway pine extract, combined with quaiacal and is known the world over for its promptness, ease and certainty in overcoming stubborn coughs and chest colds. To avoid disappointment ask your druggist for "2½ ounces of Pinex" with full directions, and don't accept anything else. Guaranteed to give absolute satisfaction or money promptly refunded. The Pinex Co., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

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LISTMAN MILL CO. — LACROSSE, WIS.

**Movies of Carranza's Troops at Chihuahua**



One of the big news gathering moving picture concerns has just sent a Press Car down into Mexico from El Paso, Texas, to make some movies of the Carranzistas in action at Chihuahua.

In putting this car into commission, knowing that it would, so to speak, have to burn its bridges behind it, the "movie" people picked out "Nobby" Tread Tires to stand the test.

The above illustration shows this Press Car just before leaving El Paso to cross the frontier and brave the Villistas on its way to the Carranzistas.

The gate clicked, and a lithe figure swung up the path. Persis took her time in answering the peremptory knock.

"Good afternoon, Miss Persis. Mother said that you—"

"Walk in, Thad. Yes, I've a little package to send your mother. Sit down while I look for it."

Would the girl never come! The curtain was rung up, the audience waiting. But the stage was empty. How long a time in Heaven's name did Diantha expect to spend in combing her hair. "I should think she was waiting for it to grow," thought the harassed Persis. Very deliberately she opened and closed every drawer in the old-fashioned secretary, though she knew the upper contained only old letters and the second garden seeds.

Thad was fidgeting. "If you can't put your hand on it, Miss Persis, don't bother to hunt. I'll drop in again in a day or two."  
"Just a minute, Thad. It must be right here. It can't—ah!" Persis forgot the ending of the unnecessary sentence. For now Thad West was at liberty to leave whenever he pleased.

A tall slender figure advanced into the room. Diantha's grace had always made her an anomaly among tall children. Her hair was parted and drawn back simply, after the fashion doubtless designed by earth's beauties, since it is the despair of plain women. The yellow curls, sacrificing their individual distinction, had magnanimously contributed to the perfection of the exquisite golden coil at the back of her shapely head. No one would have looked twice at the plain little lawn, but proved superior to some more pretentious gowns in that it set off the charms of the wearer, instead of distracting attention from them. The unlooked-for apparition brought Thad West to his feet, and so Youth and Beauty met as if hitherto they had been strangers.

For a long half minute they stood without speaking. "Oh, good afternoon," Diantha said at last, and veiled her eyes from his fascinated stare. Formerly she had treated him with the free-and-easy pettiness of a precocious child. Now the exquisite shyness of maidenhood enveloped her. Instinct drew her back from the man's inevitable advance. "I didn't know it was so late," she said to Persis, oblivious to Thad's gasping greeting. "I must hurry."

Thad's sense of confusion was like a physical dizziness. This regal young beauty was the daughter of the woman whose hand he had held surreptitiously the previous evening. With an effort he steadied himself, only to make the discovery that in that hazy moment the world had undergone a process of readjustment. He knew as well as he was ever to know it, that Annabel Sinclair belonged to another generation from his own.

"I suppose you want to take this along," Persis' gesture indicated the package containing the discarded serge which Diantha would have been glad to contribute to the wardrobe of the youthful Trotters. But with all her daring, her courage was hardly equal to such a step. She put out her hand for the package, but Thad had already pounced upon it.

"I—I'm going your way," he said, a trace of his recent disorder in his stammering speech. "I'll carry it for you."  
Silently Diantha accepted the offer. She kissed Persis good-by in a fashion which the critical might have pronounced needlessly provocative, though her dreamy eyes protested that nothing was further from her maiden thoughts than the presence of Thad West. Persis, who was in-

tensely alive to every phase of the dramatic situation, had caught a glimpse of the young fellow's face during the affectionate leave-taking and was abundantly satisfied.

"Thad's no fool, though he's acted like the twin brother to an idiot. He can't help seeing that the mother of a grown-up girl like Diantha hadn't ought to go flirting with a boy like him. If he doesn't see it now he will before he gets her home, or I miss my guess."

(To Be Continued)

**SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL SEAT OF HANS LAURSEN**

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Gov. Philipp's statement that he will call a special election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hans N. Larsen, assemblyman from Shell Lake, will make it possible to have the newly elected member here almost at the opening of the session on Jan. 10.

**SALOONISTS SEE DRY STATE**

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 12.—Missouri will take its place in the "dry" column in eight years. This was the opinion Monday of local liquor dealers, following a meeting of their association Sunday in which resolutions, blaming the brewers for the spread of the prohibition idea, were adopted.

A "censor" committee was appointed to visit the bar-room of each member of the association and to order such changes that will benefit the business.

**Will pay for the chance to heal Catarrh**

After an experience of 25 years, during which time 50 million Americans have used Kondon's Catarrhal Jelly, the manufacturers of this remedy feel so sure that it will relieve catarrh—that they offer to pay for a chance to prove its benefit to any catarrhal sufferer. They announce that any resident of this community can go to almost any drug store and get a complimentary trial can at the expense of the manufacturers. If the druggist has no gratuitous packages, the person may buy a 25 cent tube with the unequalled understanding that if that first tube does not do that person more than a dollar's worth of good, he or she can get their quarter back from either the druggist, or the Kondon Company at Minneapolis. Over 35,000 druggists know Kondon's Catarrhal Jelly is effective. If the druggist is clean and pleasant to apply—and they know the Kondon people will gladly live up to this offer—"quarter back if not worth a dollar." Address—





## Pre-Inventory AND Holiday Sale

10% Cash Discount on  
All Merchandise Sold  
Up to Christmas

**GROSS, The Cycle Man**  
AT NEW LOCATION  
**107 N. Third St.**

Agents for Indian Motorcycles, Iver Johnson and Indian Bicycles. Supplies and general repairing. Will be open evenings. Have your bicycle overhauled this winter or trade in for a new one, as prices on wheels will advance in spring.

### GROWTH IN URBAN POPULATION BLAMED PARTLY FOR COSTS

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 12.—Abnormal growth of urban population, especially through migration from rural districts cityward, is one of the most "fruitful causes" of the high cost of living, according to Joseph E. Ransdell, who addressed the opening sessions of the Southern Commercial congress here Monday.

Ransdell said emigration of farmers to Canada also is one of the underlying causes of soaring food prices.

"The increasing drift of population from the country to the city in the United States should cause very serious thought," said Ransdell. "In 1880, 70.5 per cent of the population of the United States lived in rural communities. In 1910 only 53.7 per cent lived in rural communities."

He showed that the United States has sold, at liberal profits more than nine billion dollars worth of products has loaned belligerents \$2,000,000,000 at full interest, has brought back \$3,000,000,000 of our securities held abroad while giving only about \$10,000,000 in relief.

To clean saucepans thoroughly after cooking oatmeal fill them with boiling water, empty and then fill with cold water and the oatmeal will almost fall away from the sides of the saucepan.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Hall's Family Pills for constipation

### DANIELS NOT TO QUIT, IS MEANING PUT ON REMARK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—"I will recommend next fall," Secretary of the Navy Daniels' significant statement at the house naval committee hearing, was credited here Tuesday as being an informal way of setting at rest reports and rumors that he would quit his post.

The statement closely followed a formal announcement of Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo saying he has no intention of resignation of his portfolio. With one possible exception, President Wilson will at least start out his second term with no changes in his cabinet.

In this connection at the White house on the cabinet question, it was learned that Washington University has granted Secretary Houston an extension of his leave of absence from his place as chancellor.

The one possible change is the attorney generalship. If Attorney General Gregory finds he cannot continue in that position, because of business reasons, it has been suggested to President Wilson that Secretary of War Baker be shifted to the department of justice and Vance McCormick, chairman of the national democratic committee, be given the war portfolio.

### FEDERAL AGENTS ON TRAIL OF PLOTTERS AFTER FACTORY BLAST

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 12.—Federal agents Monday spread their net for a group of men thought by them to be concerned in bomb plots against munitions plants. The first of those sought by the secret service men to be captured was James Reed, 26, a man of decidedly military bearing who speaks with a German accent.

Reed was arrested in connection with the explosion at the Fort Pitt works of the Aetna Chemical company which cost three lives Sunday night.

### CHRISTMAS TRIMMINGS

Effective tree decorations may be made of small pine cones splashed with a weak solution of alum. When dry it will sparkle like frost. Bore holes in them and through these run a dark thread by which to hang them to the tree.

### SILK UNDERWEAR

One of the New Jersey silks is as light and dainty as a glove silk, but has elasticity of the jersey weaves, which makes it admirable for lingerie. There is flesh color, pink or pale white, made up into vests with bodice tops or ribbon straps, suits, bloomers and camisoles.

### NEW ILLS COME WITH PROSPERITY

Nervous Indigestion Alarmingly  
Prevalent Here.

### Cue to Break-neck Living

Tanlac Health Expert Describes  
Symptoms of Rapidly Spreading  
Malady and Explains New  
Treatment Which Is Giving  
Wonderful Success Wherever  
Introduced.

Nervous indigestion, due mostly to the break-neck speed of living, has become alarmingly prevalent everywhere.

This statement by the Tanlac health expert has created wide comment. He continued:

"I have never seen the time when there seemed to be so many cases of nervous indigestion among men and women in all walks of life."

"The symptoms are extreme irritability, nervousness, loss of appetite, sleeplessness and an almost unquenchable restlessness. Everything the victim eats disagrees with him. There are pains in the abdomen and palpitation of the heart. Such cases are usually accompanied by constipation."

"I attribute the prevalence of this trouble to the fast pace at which both men and women are forcing themselves to live. Everybody is engaged in a wild scramble for wealth during this high tide of prosperity."

"The will power can drive the human machine just so far, but there is a limit. The health breaks down all at once and the victim is miserable and unhappy—just half sick. Life loses all its zest."

"I have hundreds of people call on me describing just such symptoms. They try Tanlac, and in a week or so most of them tell me that it is helping them 'to get on their feet again.' Tanlac was especially designed to relieve conditions resulting from nervous indigestion and kindred complaints. Everywhere it has been introduced it has had wonderful success."

Tanlac can be obtained here only from C. A. Begun's Drug Store, where the Tanlac man is telling about the new tonic and how to use it. A visit implies no obligation.

Tanlac can also be obtained from Geo. H. Seidel at Sparta; G. C. Groezinger at Bangor.

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**Potato Famine**

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**Local and Personal**

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Hanlon and Oakes, road contractors, have concluded the work upon the road extending two and one-half miles from this place. The road is completed except for macadamizing the last mile on the extreme southern end and the stone is already crushed for this part.

The company is now locating a stone quarry about four miles from the city of St. Charles and from this quarry the stone will be hauled for crushing to be used upon the road which the county will next season build north of St. Charles. This week the concrete culverts, to be used upon the road west from Rollingstone and up Straight Valley to Altura, will be hauled. The hauling of these culverts and the stone crushing mentioned, will be all the active work done this winter. Contractor W. F. Smith and company will confine their winter work to the operation of two quarries, one upon the farm of Clark G. Corey, at Money Creek and the other upon the land belonging to William Lee, midway between Ridgeway and Nodine. Stone from the Corey quarry will be used for the road a bit beyond Witoka to Money Creek and the material from the Lee quarry will go into the road to be built next year to Nodine, this latter to be a continuation of the one already constructed from Witoka almost to Ridgeway.

At present improvements are being made upon the road from the Corey land, to facilitate matters when actual hauling is commenced and when the ground freezes hard the stone crushing machinery will be moved to the latter quarry.

### SAY PLAGUE IS SPREADING

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 12.—Infantile paralysis in San Francisco is spreading, according to a report issued Monday by the city health department. Two new cases were reported and confirmed. Health officers say there are thirteen suspected cases in the isolation hospital and several families are under quarantine.

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### RUSHFORD'S ROAD IMPROVEMENT IS ALMOST FINISHED

RUSHFORD, Minn.—(Special).—Every available team that can be obtained, is being put to work on the road north of this city, the hill near the Catholic cemetery coming in for a large share of improvement. The road crew will work from there on towards the state road.

An immense amount of gravel is being hauled for the work.

### Record Office Enlarged

The Tri-County Record now has a much larger space for his machinery and other necessary paraphernalia, since the new addition, recently commenced, has been so nearly completed that this part of the office has now been put into use.

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FOR THE LAST TIMES. Don't miss this wonderful Pallas  
Paramount picture.

Burton Holmes' SOUTHERN ITALY also shown.  
Shows at 7:00, 8:30, 9:30.

## BRADY—ALL MAN—WORLD ROBERT WARWICK

AND  
**MOLLIE KING**  
A thrilling Montana drama

SHOWING WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY THIS WEEK  
**AT THE BIJOU**  
THE BEST IN PICTURES

## AT THE MOVIES

### THE CASINO TODAY THE STRAND TOMORROW **FRANCIS X BUSHMAN**

AND  
**BEVERLY BAYNE**

in their latest Metro

### "In The Diplomatic Service"

In this picture Mr. Bushman plays the role of a secret service agent. The part fits him like a glove.

A RARE MOVIE TREAT.  
Starting 2, 3:15, 7, 8:15, 9:30

### THE DOME TONIGHT

The masterpiece of the film world  
The celebrated star

**Blanche Forsythe**  
and a company of over  
**3000—Players—3000**

### "The Strife Eternal"

5 Colossal Acts

Most theaters would charge a quarter for this picture, but we will show it at

REGULAR PRICES  
The most gorgeous spectacle you have ever seen in movies.

### GREAT INTEREST IN BERLIN OVER REICHSTAG MEET

Speech at Which Peace Plan Is  
Explained Looked  
Forward to  
Keenly

BERLIN, Dec. 12.—Great throngs about the reichstag marked the German public's interest today in what was expected to be the most important meeting of that body since the start of the war.

Expectancy was keyed to the highest pitch as to what message Imperial Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg had to deliver.

It was announced semi-officially the address would be of world interest.

Newspapers have been indulging in the liveliest speculation as to what talk the chancellor will make. The public's interest was vouchsafed in an unprecedented demand for tickets of admission to the galleries and by great crowds that thronged the streets around the building where in the session was to be held.

The chancellor, it was announced, was to begin his address immediately after convening of the reichstag and to occupy not more than a half hour. After that the session will adjourn at once.

Bethmann-Hollweg's address will refer to military and political topics—but its exact nature has been carefully guarded. It has been revealed that it will be connected with the visit of King Leopold of Bavaria to German headquarters and his conference there with Bethmann-Hollweg. The chancellor also will detail the Rumanian campaign, but this is not to be his main topic.

Practically every member of the reichstag was in Berlin today for the session. All members on duty at the front were recalled.

### CELESTIAL BEATS AMERICANS

BELOIT, Wis., Dec. 12.—The yellow peril has invaded Beloit college and American students are being pressed to the wall.

Ching Yie Tang, son of Dr. Wen

Somehow a woman never seems to tire of her efforts to get an item worth all of a dime for 12 cents.

### "Revenge!"

At last, the moment arrived for which the little dancer had worked and prayed—the brutal Russian police chief was at her mercy.

### Viola Dana

Broadway's biggest little star, in

### "The COSSACK WHIP"

offers you five reels of mighty scenes building rapidly and smoothly to a climax of smashing power. And

### SELIG'S ATHLETIC FEATURE

NO. 2

JOE WELLING  
JIMMY CLABBY  
WM. DEMSTRAT  
WM. BERNE  
MOLLA BJORSTEDT  
MAY SUTTON BUNDY  
JOE CONCANNON  
AND COWBOY WESTON

### WORLD'S CHAMPIONS in EXHIBITIONS

Bring your friends, parties.

BALCONY .....5c  
LOWER FLOOR .....10c

### MAJESTIC TODAY AND WEDNESDAY

### THE STAR Six Reels TODAY KING BAGGOT

in  
"THE LIE SUBLIME"

The lure of footlights versus the heart call.

**HARREY CAREY**  
in 101 Bison

"THE CONSPIRACY"

A thrilling railroad romance.

**CLAIRE McDOWELL**  
in  
"SEA MATES"

**GALE HENRY**  
"THE DEACON STOPS THE SHOW"

Joker Comedy.  
COMING  
Peg o' the Ring, Episode "14"

"THE WILL"

### THE STRAND TONIGHT ONLY KING BAGGOT

in  
"The Man from Nowhere"

A prison story.

A vigorous portrayal of a strong character by the popular virile actor, supported by a strong cast.

Tche Tang, president of the government institute of technology at Shanghai, China, has jumped to a position as one of the most able orators in the local college by posing out American speakers in a preliminary elimination contest and has entered into the final debating contest with five other students.

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"Could I only have  
music on my own  
terms, . . . when-  
ever I wished."  
—EMERSON



## If Emerson Lived Today

IF Emerson lived today he could sit in his study at Concord and realize his wish to have music on his own terms whenever the spirit moved him.

One cannot imagine Emerson sitting in his study listening to a talking machine, but one can readily believe that Emerson would have listened with delight to Edison's new invention, which the New York Globe refers to as "the phonograph with a soul."

## The NEW EDISON

"The Phonograph with a Soul"

THIS new invention marks the achievement by Thomas A. Edison of his ambition to produce an instrument which would Re-create all forms of music so perfectly that the Re-Creation could not be detected from the living artist's voice—or instrumental performance.

Great artists have appeared in public and have sung—or played—in direct comparison

with Edison's Re-Creation of their work.

More than 200,000 music lovers and the music critics of more than 200 of America's leading newspapers have heard and seen these astounding tests, and one and all concede without reservation that the New Edison's Re-Creation of an artist's work positively cannot be detected from the artist's actual performance.

Will there be real music  
in your home at Christmas?

A TALKING machine cannot give you real music. It gives you only a hollow imitation.

The New Edison is not a talking machine. The New York Tribune says of it that "Edison has snared the soul of music."

It will bring into your home at Christmas

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### LEWIS DELAYS PAPER FOR GOVERNMENT SALE OF ALL FOODSTUFFS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—After announcing Monday he would introduce a resolution calling for seizure and sale of all foodstuffs by the government, Senator James Hamilton Lewis, Illinois, asked a return of all copies he had issued to the press. It was presumed Lewis wanted to make some changes in his measure before introducing it.

### POPE RECEIVES NOBILITY

ROME, Dec. 12.—Pope Benedict on Monday received Prince and Princess Andrea Boncompagni in private audience. The princess was Miss Marguerite Freston Draper of Boston. She was recently married to Prince Boncompagni who is a scion of one of the oldest families of the Holy Roman nobility, with a title dating back to 1133.

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## FIRST MID-YEAR CLASS TO LEAVE ON JANUARY 25

George Bunge Will Be Valedictorian of the Second Graduation for 1916

### CLASS PLANS BIG DOINGS

Four of Seven Speakers Are Selected and the Class Play Is Under Way

Graduation day for the February class of the high school will come on January 25. This was the statement given out by Principal S. E. Tift Monday. The annual Junior Prom will come the next day, January 26. The date for the class play is January 18, and for class day January 22. This is the first time in the history of the high school that a class has held its graduation exercises in the middle of the school year and all the social activities which will attend the larger leaving of the June class will be accorded it.

### Four Speakers Chosen

There will be seven commencement speakers, four chosen by the class pick, two by the faculty, and one by the class which graduated in summer school. At a meeting of the class Monday afternoon the following speakers were chosen: George Bunge, valedictorian, Gretchen Schweizer, Rudolph Blatter and Ruth Esch. George Bunge and Gretchen Schweizer took first and second honors respectively.

The class play has not been selected. As there is not much time a committee composed of Sylvester Muldowney, Ray Hadgraft, Ruth Esch, Harriet Dawson and Gretchen Schweizer was empowered to choose a play for the class. An invitation committee was also appointed. Those serving on the invitation committee are: Walter Berg, Rudolph Blatter, Eda Capellen, Caroline Turek and Arne Gorder.

There will be at least fifty-one people who receive their diplomas in January, twelve of whom graduated in the summer school.

### The Mid-year Class

The January class is: Oranda Bangsberg, Walter Berg, Rudolph Blatter, George Bunge, Eda Capellen, Harriet Dawson, David Dickinson, Agnes Doyle, Ruth Esch, Magdalene Felber, Wilfred Figgie, Minnie Franzmann, Blanche Gayman, John Gillespie, Arne Gorder, Norman Gruenzer, Ray Hadgraft, Cora Hardy, Frederick Layman, Susan McCabe, Sylvester Muldowney, Annie Nathanson, Edith Newberg, Rosa Nordby, Gladys Pammel, Viola Poehling, Ludwig Schoen, Myrtle Robinson, Cyril Leinfelder, Gretchen Schweizer, Frank Spittel, Edith Stevens, August Subling, Elmer Thiel, Russell Thompson, Caroline Turek, Marie Volz, Erwin Wiesenegele.

Those who graduated in summer school are: Thomas Dickens, Walter Baum, Glen Heggy, Edward Evans, Wesley Brandenberg, John Webber, Katherine Wanner, Eloise White, Margaret Kelly, Aloysius Kelly, Vera Newman and Evelyn Paas.

### Museum of Daily Facts and Freaks

WASHINGTON, D. C.—With almost all old world nations spending millions daily in battle, the woman's peace party closed its convention here by subscribing \$5,000 "to oppose war."

WASHINGTON, D. C.—If young men haven't gone "hellward" head first, it hasn't been the fault of the dressmakers and the women who have worn what the dressmakers have made. Rev. Dr. J. L. Gordon told his congregation.

GARY, Ind.—Inspired by criticisms in a Gary newspaper setting forth that gambling was rampant and unhampered by police, the Gary coppers raided editorial rooms of the paper, arresting five of the staff, in a "hit game."

CHICAGO.—When the police arrived, Mrs. Margaret Murray, perfectly calm, pointed to two burglars she'd dragged from under her bed and also showed the coppers a real revolver and a glass one she took away from 'em.

CHICAGO.—"Gottersdamerung" should have been a chorus, but the audience didn't know, so all is well. Cleofonte Campanini's grand opera supernumeraries struck for a \$2 raise. French, Russian, Italian, German and Austrians walked out.

### NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Office of the City Treasurer, City Hall, La Crosse Wis., December 1, 1916. Notice is hereby given that the Tax Roll for all the Taxes assessed and levied in the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, State of Wisconsin, for the year 1916, with a tax warrant annexed, is now in my hands for collection, and that the taxes charged therein are subject to payment at my office in the City Hall, in the said City of La Crosse, at any time prior to or on the 28th day of February, 1917. P. S.—Persons paying taxes will please bring a correct description of the lots and lands they want to pay the taxes on to avoid mistakes. Office Hours: 8:30 a. m. to 12:00 p. m. and from 1:30 to 5:00 p. m. GEO. W. YOUNG, City Treasurer.

## SEE THESE PRICES

On my display of Christmas goods in my show windows. Every article is marked in plain figures, and I've marked them low. Kindly look them over, you might see just what you want.

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Druggist, 503 Main.

## PERSONALS

Yeomen dance every Tuesday. R. C. Sampson and W. C. Sampson. Wausau, spent Sunday in La Crosse visiting friends. Dr. F. A. Douglas, specialist, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, associated with Dr. E. R. Mulford, 323 Main St. Judge C. W. Graves and wife, Vi-roqua, were visitors in the city on Monday. \$30,000 to loan in amounts from \$1,000 to \$3,000 at 5 per cent, on La Crosse real estate. Inquire of B. H. Volz, 331 Main, or new phone 352-M. Mrs. J. T. Heller, 1615 Wood street, is improving after a serious illness. Mystic Workers' card party Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 13th. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Love, Twentieth and Farnam streets, are the parents of a baby daughter, born on Saturday morning. The new arrival tips the scales at nine and one-half pounds. Christmas seals one cent each. Every one you buy helps to fight tuberculosis and maintain visiting nurses. John Evenson has returned to Mindoro after visiting on the north side. Hack calls day and night. Gateway City Transfer Co. Phone 179. Mrs. E. H. Hazen, Viroqua, spent Monday visiting friends in La Crosse. D. Burkey and Mrs. B. Townsend were visitors in the city Monday from Tomah. Mrs. E. E. Hoyt was a visitor here Monday from Madison. Emma Corley, Madison, visited with friends in La Crosse Monday. Mrs. A. J. Moen, West Salem, has returned to her home, having spent several days with friends on the north side.

**FIREMAN SUFFERS SMASHED FINGERS**  
C. L. Maynard, 1113 Berlin street, a Burlington fireman, suffered a badly smashed little finger late Monday evening. He is unable to work. The finger was caught in the firebox door of a locomotive.

**North Side Briefs**  
O'Neil Shoe Store, Xmas kicks. Mrs. Henry Bissen, 1333 George street, is ill at a local hospital. Dance every Wednesday Union hall. Mrs. C. T. Schonlau, Lewiston, Minn., is renewing north side acquaintances. Mrs. I. G. Iverson has returned to Houston after visiting north side acquaintances. W. W. Cameron, 1008 Rose street, was to leave Tuesday night for Omaha, to transact business. Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Pendergast, 1221 Gillette street, have returned from a visit in the Twin cities. A. Mosher, 1633 Avon street, has returned from a visit in West Salem. Glen Pendergast has returned from a visit in Minneapolis. The ladies of the Caledonia Street Methodist church held a bazaar and chicken pie supper in Central hall Tuesday afternoon, continuing through the evening. The ladies of the Macabees, New Century hive 101, will hold their regular business meeting Friday evening at Rose street Woodman hall. William Welsh is ill at his home, 1101 Berlin street. A son was born Friday to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sanny, 1640 Loomis street. The child weighed nine and one-half pounds. The condition of Miss L. Casperson, 1501 Loomis street, who submitted to an operation for glibert at the Lutheran hospital, is reported improved.

**TO GIVE MYSTERY PLAY**  
A Mystery Play, given in honor of the Nativity of our Lord, will be presented by members of the Catholic Women's league at St. Joseph's hall on the evening of Tuesday, December 19th, at eight o'clock. This play was written by Father Hugh Benson, the noted English convert. Tickets are on sale at Jule's Pharmacy, 529 Main street.

**CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY**  
Miss Andrina Arneson entertained a party of friends at her home, 1007 Zeller street, Monday evening in observance of her birthday. Music, both instrumental and vocal, furnished the main entertainment of the evening, and a dainty lunch was served by the hostess. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. H. Gunderson, Esther and Gunder Gunderson, Martin Arneson, Emil Arneson, Thora and Emma Rom, Matilda Thompson and Mrs. Clara Johnson.

**SURPRISE MRS. GARDNER**  
Mrs. Walter E. Gardner, 1324 Jackson street, was much surprised when a party of friends arrived at her home Monday night to assist in the celebration of her birthday, presenting her with an aluminum tea

kettle. Cards were played during the evening, favors being won by the Mesdames M. Lee, Walter Friday, and John Dagendish and Messrs. Walter Gardner, John Dagendish and Rudolph Weis. Lunch was served at halfpast eleven o'clock. In the party were the Messrs. and Mesdames John Dagendish, Rudolph Weis, Walter Friday and Walter Gardner, Mrs. M. Lee, Mrs. M. Gardner, Misses Ruth Nordrum and Florence Friday, Ernest Fritz, Donald Dagendish and Walter Gardner, Jr.

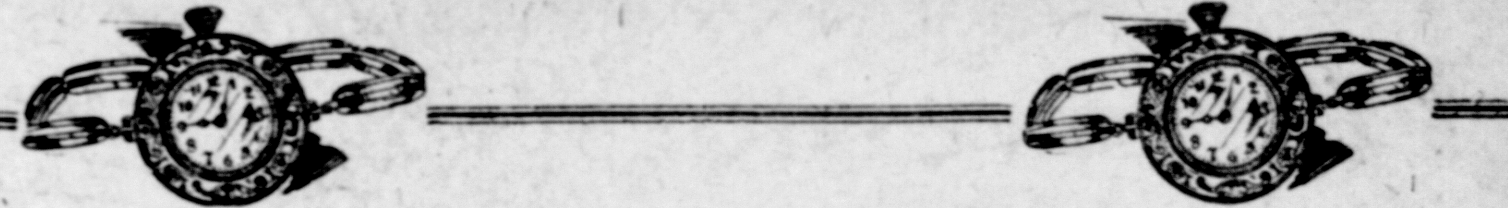
**LOCAL GIRL GETS NEW JOB**  
Word has been received in the city that Miss Theresa Gutzke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Gutzke, 323 South Sixteenth street, has resigned her position as preceptor and domestic science teacher at Bethany College, Mankato, and is now employed as dietitian at St. John's Hospital, St. Paul.

**BIRTHDAY PARTY**  
Miss Lois K. Woods was hostess to a party of friends at supper at her home, 1108 Division street, Monday in honor of her twelfth birthday anniversary. The evening was enjoyably passed with games and other amusements. The decorations were in accord with the holiday season. Christmas cards serving as place cards. The birthday cake took on a holiday appearance with its tapers of red and green and larger candles of red furnished illumination. Covers were laid for eight.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
The Ladies' Industrial Circle of the First Baptist church will be entertained at the church parlors on Thursday afternoon by the Mesdames Anna Lewis, Anna Forbes and Martin Hoffman.

The Young People's society of the United Lutheran church, corner Twelfth and Division streets, will hold the regular monthly meeting at the church parlors Wednesday evening. The Misses Peterson will entertain, and an excellent program, consisting of speeches, recitations, and music by the Norden band, has been prepared. A cordial invitation is extended to all to be present at this meeting.

**SOCIAL HOUR**  
A social hour was much enjoyed by the pupils of the Holy Trinity school at ten o'clock Monday morning at which time a delightful lunch



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**EGG BOYCOTT SUCCEEDS**  
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 12.—Kansas City's egg "refrain" is a success. A. B. Crader, secretary of the Kansas restaurantmen's association announced Monday. "Few persons have called for eggs in Kansas City's 400 restaurants and eating places since the boycott was clamped on officially yesterday morning," Crader said. The "refrain" is to continue until prices are normal. Fifty thousand new stickers for menus and two thousand new counter placards were distributed to restaurant men today. The new appeal to the public read: "Help bust the egg trust; don't eat eggs until the price is right."

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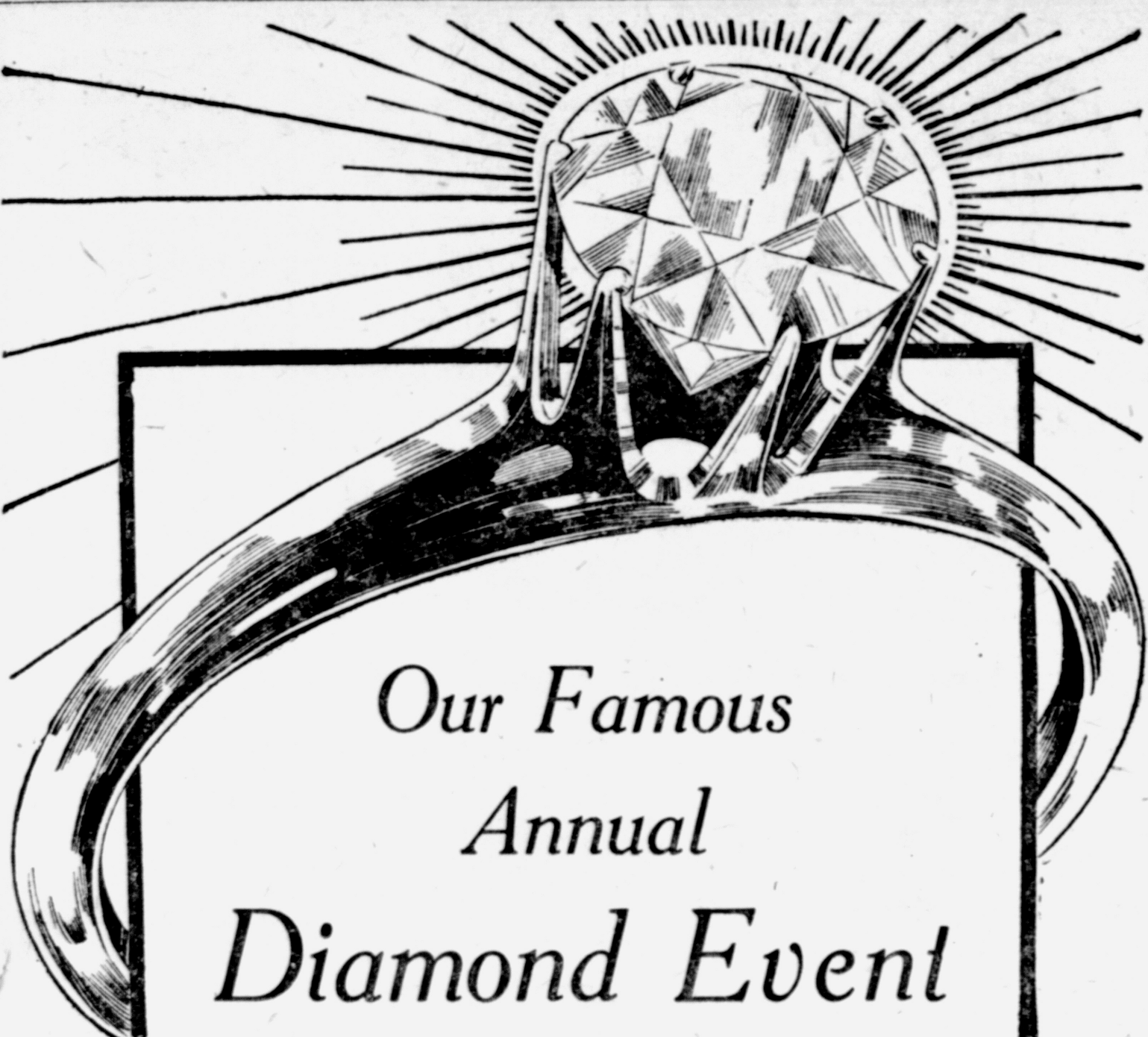
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**UNCLE SAM EAGER  
TO LEND HAND  
IN MAKING PEACE**

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them Secretary Tumulty rushed with them toward the president's offices.

The news was given to Secretary Lansing just before his regular morning engagement with the newspapermen, while he was in a departmental conference.

Immediately after the receipt of the news Lansing declined "for the moment" to see any newspapermen. It was presumed he would keep his regular appointment at a later hour.

The United States will direct the peace proposals to entente nations where she represents Germany's interests.

The administration viewpoint to date has been a disinclination to engage in any peace maneuver, until one side or the other had given an indication that it wanted peace.

If Germany's terms are such as to promise success there seems no reason to believe that this government will not only present the proposals, but likewise lend its moral influence for settlement of the great conflict, officials here said.

There is little reason to doubt, however, that the United States would act as an independent negotiator unless she has the straightest

sort of information that such a proposal would be scorned by the entente allies and probably rejected.

Germany's note should reach the state department in the ordinary course of events by Friday.

Such an important document would be forwarded by Charge Grew with all possible haste. And he will doubtless save the delays by passing the proposal in plain language rather than code, inasmuch as Germany's terms will be no secret after today's reichstag session.

Insofar as the president's reports show, Germany's proposals are not the result of any of the American sounding out of foreign sentiment, officials said, especially as the notes are addressed to several neutrals, rather than only to the United States.

**BRAVES' TRAINER  
AGREES TO TAKE  
CUBS MANAGEMENT**

NEW YORK, Dec. 12. — Fred Mitchell, trainer for the Boston Braves, declared Tuesday afternoon he has agreed to take over the management of the Chicago Cubs. The deal is contingent on trade by the Cubs of Leslie Mann, outfielder, and of a pitcher to the Braves. A cash transfer also is involved.

**J. W. McLEAN  
CALLED BY DEATH**

James W. McLean, well known commercial traveler for the La Crosse Plow company, died at his home, 121 South Eighth street at 6 o'clock Tuesday morning after an illness of four weeks. Mr. McLean would have been 59 years of age on his next birthday, which would have occurred Friday. Mr. McLean came to La Crosse seven years ago from Indianapolis, Ind., to travel for the local concern.

He is survived by a widow and three daughters, residents of Indianapolis, who were at Mr. McLean's bedside at the time of death. The daughters are Edna G. Nowland, Charlotte Nowland and Mrs. W. R. Ratton.

Funeral services have not been arranged and will be announced later.

**BRITAIN AWAITS  
LLOYD GEORGE'S  
VIEWS OF PEACE**

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Asquith, who is now ill, can be given an opportunity to reply forthwith.

**Press Not Impressed**

LONDON, Dec. 12. — Today's peace proposals are not likely to affect the course of the war, declared the London Evening Star in the first published comment on Germany's peace move.

"Unless the central powers' new-found consciousness of responsibility to God has brought them to stage of surrendering Constantinople and the Straits of Russia, restoring Alsace and Lorraine to France, the evacuation of occupied territories and the making of due reparation, today's proposals are not likely materially to affect the war," declared the Star.

There are more ways than one of looking for trouble. A Texas man advertised for his mother-in-law, who was missing.

**EAGLES!  
Important Notice**

Election of officers will be held at next regular meeting of Aerie on WEDNESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 13. You are requested to be present.

C. A. DITTMAN, Secretary.

**MYSTERY PERVADES  
DISAPPEARANCE OF  
PRETTY TOMAH GIRL**

TOMAH, Wis., Dec. 12. — (Special) — Efforts of the police of Tomah and other cities, who have been notified by her frantic father, have proved futile in the attempt to locate Doloros Rivett, pretty 16-year-old daughter of Edward Rivett, a resident of Lumber Avenue, Tomah.

The girl disappeared last Tuesday. She purchased a new outfit of clothing before leaving, which included a burgundy coat, white hat and shoes. The last time she was seen was in a penny picture gallery, and it was here that her discarded shoes were found.

Her father knows of no reason for her leaving home as she was attending high school and had always been contented, apparently, with her surroundings. The mystery is deepened with the fact that as far as can be learned no one saw the girl leave the City of Tomah by train.

**STOCKS HIT SLIDE  
WHEN CURB HEARS  
OF PEACE MOVE**

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of Paris six per cent bonds sold at 95 1-4.

More than a million shares had been dumped into the market at noon and of this total 260,000 shares were United States Steel common, which dropped from 123 3-8 to 119 1-4, then moved uncertainly between that figure and 120.

At 1 o'clock nearly 1,500,000 shares had been traded.

The crash carried Bethlehem Steel down 26 points over Monday's close to 600 but aside from this "war bride" leader prices held remarkably steady and fractional recoveries had been made at noon.

It was reported that many traders who believed the market was due for a slump, following several weeks of generally upward movement, had sold short and made big killings on Tuesday. On the other hand, small speculators who had bought for a rise, saw their margins wiped out and their accounts closed.

Stocks were again dumped into the market in the last few minutes. Steel selling below 118. Wire orders from the west were said to have been behind the second selling rush. The two million share mark was crossed at 2:40.

U. S. Steel closed at 118 1-4, after selling at 116 1-2 a few minutes earlier. Several leaders closed at the lowest of the day, among these Marine at 39 3-4, Lackawanna at 97 3-4 and Anaconda at 87 1-2; while other issues showed slight recoveries. Total sales were 2,459,000 shares.

In the foreign exchange market German marks and Vienna kronen, both of which sold at new low records Monday, advanced. Mark cables were quoted at 66 1-2 against 65 3-4 and Kronen rallied from 10.92 to 11.20.

Industrial Alcohol at 2 o'clock showed a decline of 7 points at 128 3-4. Cuba Cane Sugar was off five at 59 1-4 and Bethlehem Steel pfd. had touched 150, off 26. Outside of specialties which had made further declines the general list grew steadier in spite of continued pounding by the bears.

Canadian Pacific advanced nearly 2 points to 157, while other stocks tumbled.

The market suffered a second slump at 2:30 after recoveries had been made by most stocks. U. S. Steel again leading. Steel sold at 118 5-8, off 4 3-4.

**The Close**

American Locomotive	85 1/2
American Smelting	108
American Sugar	112 1/2
Anaconda	87 1/2
Atchison, T. and S. F.	103 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	599
Canadian Pacific	164 1/2
C. M. and St. P.	91 1/4
Goodrich	66 1/2
Great Northern	116 1/2
New York Central	104 1/4
N. Y., N. H. and H.	52 1/2
Northern Pacific	110
Penn. Ry.	56 1/2
Southern Pacific	95 1/2
Studebaker	117
Union Pacific	142 1/2
United States Steel	118 1/2
Utah Copper	114

**NEW YORK, Dec. 12. —** That the peace proposal from Germany Tuesday created no great flurry in Morgan circles was regarded with considerable significance. It was taken to indicate that the American financial representatives of the allied powers did not regard favorable action on the Berlin proposal as likely.

Admittedly the greatest deterring force from the British standpoint is Lloyd George. The idea was general that the British would not consent to a cessation of hostilities at this time, with their political house just put in order and their organization for a major effort still untied. It is recognized that as yet but half of the full military strength of the British has been tested under fire.

The fact that at the moment of Germany's proposal, France was also in the midst of a complete reorganization calculated to give her new strength, is also counted on to discount probabilities of Bethmann-Hollweg's proposals finding favor in France.

**ABOLISH LIQUOR SHOPS**

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 12. — The electors of Saskatchewan by a majority of 50,000 in an election held Monday decided to abolish all government liquor stores and these will go out of business on December 30.

**Portable Perfume Distillery.**

A French perfume manufacturing company has constructed a portable distillery to obtain extracts from either wild or cultivated flowers in the regions in which they grow.

**Father and Son  
Held For Theft  
Of Ten Chickens**

Wesley L. Harwick, alias Logan Wilson, and his son, who said his name was Harry in opposition to his father's declaration for Raymond, had ten dressed chickens.

Andrew Nelson, George street saloon keeper, lost ten dressed chickens.

Struck by the peculiar coincidence, besides being interested in the quaint uncertainty of father and son regarding their names, the police are holding the Harwicks and the chickens. Somebody will probably go to court.

The police picked up the two men when they tried to peddle the chickens at various places. They told a contradictory story, being unable to agree on each other's names, their place of residence, and similar matters. But no one had reported the loss of ten chickens, so the police turned them out.

Half an hour later a north side patrolman discovered that Nelson's chickens were gone, and the police again put the Harwicks under arrest.

**SOLDIERS WILL  
RETURN TO CITY  
THURSDAY NIGHT**

La Crosse will greet its returning soldiers Thursday evening at 6:50 o'clock, if their train from Fort Sheridan is on time. This was confirmed by officers of the local units now in demobilization camp at Fort Sheridan on Tuesday. Word from the fort said the original order had been to return on Wednesday, but that circumstances were such the troops could not get away until the day following.

The train will leave Fort Sheridan with the La Crosse troops at 10:40 Thursday morning. In letters received here by former members of the militia who are co-operating with the council committee to arrange for the welcome, a request is sent for a motor truck to carry equipment to the armories.

**FOOD SITUATION  
IS BETTERED BY  
SUCCESS IN ARMS**

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soon happy events in the field would be recorded. That hope has been fulfilled quicker almost than expected. I shall be brief, for our actions speak for themselves.

Rumania had entered the war in order to roll up our positions in the east and that of our allies. At the same time the grand offensive on the Somme had for its object the piercing of our western front and renewed Italian attacks had as their purpose to paralyze Austria-Hungary. The situation was serious.

Security Greater than ever

"But with God's help, our troops shaped conditions so that they give us security which not only is complete, but still greater than ever before.

"The west front stands now, in spite of the Rumanian campaign outfitted with larger reserves of men and material than it had been formerly. Most efficient precautions have been taken against all Italian diversions. And while on the Somme and the Karst drum-fire resounded; while Russians launched troops against the eastern frontier of Transylvania, Field Marshal von Hindenburg captured the whole western Wallachia and the hostile capital of Bucharest.

"And Hindenburg does not rest. Military operations are in progress by strokes of swords. At the same time firm foundations have been laid for our economic needs.

"Great stocks of grain, victuals, oil and other goods fell into our hands in Rumania. Transport immediately began.

"In spite of the scarcity that existed we could have lived upon our own resources but now our safety is beyond question."

The chancellor then referred to the fact that added to the events on land, heroic deeds of equal importance had been accomplished by German submarines. He said that the specter of famine which Germany's enemies had intended to appear before Germany now pursues them. He said the German empire is not the besieged fortress which its adversaries had imagined, but is now a gigantic, firmly disciplined camp with inexhaustible resources, faithfully united with the Austro-Hungarian, Turkish and Bulgarian flags.

**Value of Education.**

Education is a companion which no misfortune can depress—no crime destroy—no enemy alienate—no despotism enslave. At home, a friend; abroad, an introduction; in solitude, a solace; and in society, an ornament. Without it, what is man?—a splendid slave, a reasoning savage.—Varle.

**GERMAN PROPOSAL  
COMES WHEN PEACE  
MEANS A VICTORY**

By J. W. T. MASON  
(Written for the United Press)

NEW YORK, Dec. 12. — Germany's proposals for peace are made at a time when her armies have taken the offensive in the newest battle area and when the western front has reached another deadlock.

The peace that Germany wants is one with Teutonic troops occupying enemy territory on practically every front.

The war is yet far from having gone to the knockout that David Lloyd George demanded in his United Press interview a short time before he became the British premier. On the contrary, the Germans occupy at the present moment probably the highest position they will reach no matter how long the war continues.

They have a clear road to what they regard as the center of their future colonial empire, in Asia Minor, and they are holding in check every movement to break through the German defenses.

It would be therefore, greatly to Germany's advantage if a peace could be secured on this basis.

Nevertheless, Germany's losses in man power are becoming constantly much greater than the losses of any one of her principal antagonists. At the same time, the British government has just undergone reconstruction for the purpose of carrying the war to a more bitter conclusion; and France too, is evolving a scheme for greater efficiency. Under these conditions, while Germany is not overthrown, the Germans may well feel that future developments of the war cannot hold out for Germany any better prospect.

Germany probably must make large concessions to secure peace at present—far larger than are indicated by the war boundaries on the map. But, whatever Germany proposes as a basis for peace in her first declaration, probably will not be her final word. The most important fact of Germany's new attitude doubtless will be the definite statement of tentative peace terms, which later, may be taken as a starting point for future elaboration and a possible settlement.

**NEUTRAL POWERS ARE  
ASKED TO TRANSMIT  
KAISER'S PROPOSALS  
TO ENEMY CAPITALS**

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identical notes. The text was also communicated to the Holy See and to all other powers.

By handing the note to the representatives of the United States, Spain and Switzerland, Germany really transmitted it directly to her enemy nations. Under existing conditions this is the only possible course of diplomatic interchange between central powers and the entente allies.

The procedure in Germany's peace proposals will be identical in the capitals of all the neutral powers whose aid is invoked. The diplomatic representatives of America, Spain and Switzerland will forward the note handed them by Bethmann-Hollweg to their respective capitals.

The foreign offices or state departments of these neutral nations will then transmit the text to the American, Spanish and Swiss ambassadors or ministers at the capitals of the entente allies. These ambassadors will, in turn, formally deliver the note to the governments of the entente nations.

The same procedure will be followed in the case of formal replies to the peace propositions. England, for instance, will probably give to the American and Spanish ambassadors, and the Swiss minister, identical notes detailing their response to Germany's proposals. These will be transmitted to the capitals of the United States, Switzerland and Spain through diplomatic channels and formally handed to Germany through the agency of the American, Swiss and Spanish diplomatic representatives at Berlin.

**Third Finger is Weakest.**

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**BRIAND COMPLETES  
RECONSTRUCTION OF  
FRENCH MINISTRY**

PARIS, Dec. 12. — France's reconstructed cabinet, designed to carry on the war with redoubled vigor, has been completed by Premier Briand. He authorized the United Press Tuesday to make this announcement.

Briand said he would present himself at the chamber of deputies Wednesday to make formal statements of the cabinet changes which he had decided upon in the interest of compact, efficient and more vigorous control of France's participation in the war.

Public belief persists that General Joffre will go and the fact that the idol of the republic is to be transferred from active command to a sedentary post, probably heading a war council of the military—is an indication of the people's determination to institute a new order which will solidify France into a war machine of the utmost efficiency.

Those who were predicting that Joffre would be retired picked General Petain, defender of Verdun, as his probable successor, although there were also some suggestions that General Nivelle, hero of Vaux and Douaumont, might be chosen.

It appeared certain that Premier Briand would follow in Lloyd George's steps and select a small, compact "war council" to handle France's part in the war.

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**UNBROKEN SUCCESS  
OF TEUTON ARMS  
RELATED BY BERLIN**

BERLIN, via Wireless to Sayville, Dec. 12. — Occupation of Uzriceni and Mizil by German forces under Field Marshal von Mackensen was announced in Tuesday's official statement of the Rumanian campaign.

The army group of Field Marshal von Mackensen—especially the ninth army, in the last three days captured from the Rumanians more than 10,000 prisoners, several cannon and much field material.

"Fighting progresses on the whole front," the statement declared.

Say Allies Lose on Cerna

"Entente troops suffered one more severe sanguinary reverse on both banks of the Cerna yesterday," the official statement of the Macedonian fighting declares.

"Every day, with desperation, the entente troops, especially the Serbians storm against the German and Bulgarian positions on both banks of the Cerna," the statement commented. "Also yesterday they suffered there one more severe sanguinary defeat."

Claim Carpathian Gains

Complete repulse of repeated strong attacks by enemy forces on the Smetrea, on Babaludova, and, likewise at night in the Mestecaneci sector was detailed in the official report of the fighting in the Carpathians.

"On both sides of the Trotus valley the Russians again launched men and ammunition for successful thrusts against some of the height positions.

"German riflemen brought back from a raid north of Ludova ten prisoners and three machine guns.

"North of Sultia the Russians were again driven from a height that had been in their possession lately."

"On the battlefield of the Somme the fighting activity of our artillery which since the end of November had considerably diminished, was temporarily increased again in the afternoon," the official statement said.

"Along the east bank of the Meuse and near Moselle there was a strong cannon and mine thrower firing without infantry activity."

Sofia Reports Gains

SOFA, Dec. 12. — "Our allies are advancing incessantly," said Tuesday's official statement. "We occupied Rumanian territory on the Danube between Tuturkai and Cerna-voda."



## ROYAL NEIGHBORS OF VIROQUA GIVE LEAP YEAR BALL

VIROQUA, Wis. — (Special.) — The Royal Neighbors will give a big leap year ball at Running hall next Tuesday evening, December 19. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the order.

Many at Banquet  
Over two hundred people were present at the I. O. O. F. roll call Saturday night. An address of welcome was made by F. M. Minshall followed by vocal selections by Mrs. Charles Rhodes and Keith Peterson, and a selection of trios by the Mesdames Anderson, and Mahoney and Miss Glen. Miss Lucy Dawson gave an interesting reading and Mrs. Edward Lind an instructive talk.

A banquet was served, beginning at 10:30 which was followed by cards. There were many visitors from surrounding towns.

The Woodmen of this city held a meeting Thursday for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year.

Henry Graham was elected venerable consul; Hallie Smith, worthy advisor; Guy De Gormo, clerk; Oscar Larson, banker; physicians, Morley and Surenson; escort, Virgil Grubb; watchman, William Small; sentry, Arthur McCall; trustee, M. A. Kauper.

Installation of the officers will take place in January.

Local and Personal  
Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Sallander of Retreat spent the week-end with their daughter, Mrs. M. A. Gauper and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Slack of Westby spent the latter part of the week with Viroqua relatives.

M. A. Davis of the state of Washington is the guest of Vernon county friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Steenburg of Retreat spent Saturday and Sunday with the Silas Foster family in this city.

## The TRIBUNE'S Daily Short Story

### THE MOST WONDERFUL DANCE

By EARL REED SILVERS

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"Whose girl are you?"  
"Yours."  
"Are you sure?"  
"Sure."  
"Positive?"  
"Pos-i-tive."  
"Whose eyes are these?"  
"Yours."  
"Whose lips?"  
"Yours."  
"Show me."

A crescent moon pushed itself over the edge of a silver-tinted cloud, and peered down upon the porch of the Country club. It saw two figures nestled in the shadows, and then discreetly withdrew. Neither of the figures moved. From the dance floor came the sound of soft music. Then the boy—he was only a boy, twenty-two and just out of college—spoke again.

"I'm crazy, crazy about you," he said.

"Are you sure?"

It was a girl's voice that answered; a voice that reminded one of far-off singling in the depths of a dream forest.

"Sure."

"Positive?"

"Pos-i-tive."

A long moment elapsed.

"And I'm always going to be," he added. "Always and always."

The music died away, signifying the end of the dance, and footsteps sounded on the stone porch. The two people in the shadows became more

distinctly two people. A moment ago they had resembled one indeterminate bulk.

"Have you the next dance with any one?" the boy asked.

"No."

"Then we can keep on sitting out here?"

"Yes." She paused a moment. "I want to tell you something."

"What?"

"I'll let you know in just three minutes."

The music started again and the people sitting nearby passed through

the doorway. The two were alone again, so nobody but the girl heard what the boy had to say.

"I love you," he whispered.

A pair of round arms encircled his neck; cool, white arms which he had dreamed about for ages.

"I've dreamed of this so often," he said slowly, "that I must be dreaming now. Am I, dear?"

"No," she answered. "But—it must end right this minute—for a time, at least."

He drew away, surprised.

"Why?"

The girl was silent for a moment before she spoke.

"I hate to spoil this wonderful evening," she said, "but I must do it. I simply must tell you something."

"What is it?"

"It's about Arthur Thorp," she explained. Her voice wavered a little.

"He and I have—have known each other all our lives. We've been very, very good friends, and it's been generally understood that we would be married some day."

"You haven't promised him, have you?"

"No. We never said much about it; but all the time you were away at college we went together steadily, and—and he's been saving up."

"But you're not engaged to him?"

"No; if I had been I wouldn't have done what I did tonight. But he hasn't gone with any other girl for three years, and—and he cares for me a lot and lots."

"But I love you."

"So does he, only he's—etaoinnnn because he—he hasn't enough money to marry me yet."

"But if you aren't engaged to him it's all right." The boy moved forward impulsively. "I love you," he said.

"I know, dear." She placed her hand on his arm. "But don't you see that I must tell Arthur first? It's only fair to him; and if he—and if he should take it in the wrong way, I suppose that—that I shouldn't become engaged to you."

The boy looked wistfully into the distance.

"I guess it's the only thing to do," he said. "When are you going to tell him?"

"During the next dance. I have it with him."

"And how shall I know?"

"You'll know by watching us. As soon as the music starts, I shall tell

him that I—I care for some one else. If he holds me to my half-promise, we will go home. If he doesn't and everything is all right, Arthur and I will dance the encore together."

"And if I see you dancing with him I'll know that you are my girl—for always?"

"Yes."

Both were silent. The lambent moon had disappeared behind a maze of shifting clouds.

"Well, anyway, you're my girl for now," the boy said softly. "Nothing can take that away. Whatever happens, I can always have these few minutes to dream about."

Youth's tragedy is always sincere. There was a world of wistfulness in his tones, and the girl touched his hand.

"I love you," she said. "Things are sure to come out all right."

The music ceased, and she arose.

"I am going now."

Through the window the boy saw her meet the other man and smile into his eyes. After what seemed an eternity of waiting, the music started for the next dance. As the moments sped on, it seemed to the one waiting on the porch that the suspense was just a little more than he could bear. And as he waited, the two, upon

whom his thoughts were centered sat together in another room.

"Arthur," the girl said slowly. "I know now that I can never care for you in the way you want me to. There's some one else—you know who he is—and I love him because he says wonderful things, and because—well, just because."

For a moment the "other fellow" dropped his head in his hands. Then he squared his shoulders.

"I understand," he said.

After a brief silence, he led her into the main room, and danced the very best he knew how.

The boy on the porch watched them for a minute or two. Then he went to the swinging couch, where he listened with eyes closed to the rhythmic notes. And although he wasn't dancing, it was the most wonderful dance he had ever known.

When the music died away, the girl came to where he was waiting in the shadows.

### PIONEER ELECTRICIAN DIES

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Frederic Holly Reed, civil engineer and capitalist, who assisted in building the first experimental electric street railway in this country and later installed trolley lines in various cities, died suddenly of heart disease at his home here. He was born in Stamford, Conn., Aug. 22, 1865.

### GEORGE P. BEMIS DIES

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 12.—George P. Bemis, who, with his cousin, George Francis Train, built the first tramways in London, died here on Sunday. He had been twice elected mayor of Omaha. He was 78 years old.

### MAN DIES SUDDENLY

EAU CLAIRE, Wis., Dec. 12.—Peter W. Beck, 42 years old, dropped dead from heart trouble Monday morning at the Continental store, where he was a department head. He is survived by a wife and son.

### SINN FEINERS BREAK UP MEET

CORK, Dec. 12.—Two hundred Sinn Feiners stopped a charitable performance, given in behalf of the families of the soldiers of Cork. They sang Sinn Fein songs and shouted: "Up Rebellion! Down Recruiting!"

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## REPORT BELGIAN SHIP IS SHELLED BY SUBMARINE

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 12.—The Belgian ship Kasbek, Captain Sator, is in port here after having been under the fire of a German submarine for ninety minutes without being hit. The attack, according to members of the crew, occurred on November 16 near Gibraltar. Two machine guns on the submarine were used for the bombardment.

## BANK GETS CHARTER

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 12.—The state bank commissioner issued a charter to the Barronett State bank, Barron county. Capital stock of the bank is \$10,000. Edward Anderson is president and C. F. Paxton cashier.

## WOMAN SOCIALIST IN OFFICE

COLUMBIUS, Kan., Dec. 12.—Mrs. Jennie Gillett, believed to be the first woman socialist elected to any public office on Tuesday assumed her duties here as justice of the peace.

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## NEW YORK REEKING IN WEALTH FROM NATIONS AT WAR

Nation's Greatest City Is Money-mad, with Forty Blocks Given Over to Wine, Women and Song

(For twenty-eight months the world's attention has been centered on the struggle in Europe with its stories of heroism, suffering and self-sacrifice. The following is the first of a series of stories, throwing the spotlight on the contrasting picture presented by money-mad, prosperity-drunk New York, where gold is flowing in from the stricken nations of Europe and is being thrown about in an orgy of Babylonian extravagance.—Editor's Note.)

BY LOWELL MELLETT  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—New York is rolling, reeling, rollicking in wealth. This is a "never before in history" story.

New York banks Tuesday held reserves of \$816,794,200 and from every quarter of the globe money is pouring in—actual yellow gold, by the millions, to be changed from the coin of other nations into the coin of the United States of America.

Wall street has become a gambling table onto which is being thrown money from the earnings, winnings and savings of Americans and money from the coffers of kings.

While the large majority of New York's six millions are fighting the universal desperate battle with the cost of living on the service, it appears that everybody has money to spend. They are spending it for necessities and luxuries.

Forty or more blocks in Manhattan are given over entirely to that an-

cient trio, wine, women and song. War bride dividends have given night time Broadway a new life. Men whose business it is to take money from spenders say they never were able to take so much of it before.

Ancient Babylon could be set down inside New York's winter pleasure grounds without being noticed. Nebuchadnezzar wouldn't have a reputation. Cabarets have sprung up like mushrooms and dance halls thrive as in any new gold camp.

"Business is three times as big as the biggest we ever saw before" this season," said the manager of the largest cabaret in the city.

Hotels are crowded, theaters are sold out. Crowds that the "shop early" slogan does not account for, fill the department stores.

Warehouses are depleted of stocks and deliveries are far behind.

New York is spending its money and getting what it can for it. But it keeps pouring in. From farmers in the west to at least one monarch on a European throne, they are sending their money to New York.

## REV. SAM M'KEE WILL ADDRESS VENISON FEAST

Rev. Samuel McKee, pastor of the Presbyterian church at West Salem, has been added to the list of speakers on the program of the banquet to be given at the Northwestern hotel Wednesday evening by the La Crosse County Hunting and Fishing association.

United States District Attorney W. F. Wolfe and Conservation Commissioner W. E. Barber will also talk. County Judge John Brindley will rule the affair as toastmaster.

## GERMAN RULER MAY VISIT BUCHAREST

MILAN, Dec. 12.—The newspaper Secolo says Kaiser William expects shortly to visit Bucharest.

**NUDEA ANSWERS SUIT**  
The answer in a suit brought by the Farmers' Co-operative Packing company against the Nudea Basket Market company was filed with the clerk of circuit court on Tuesday morning. The latter is alleged to have failed to pay an account with the packing concern.

German railroads now employ more than 36,000 women.

## NEW PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINE STILL A MAN OF MYSTERY

Hipolito Irigoyen Had No Public Policies Before Election and Has Made None Known Since

BY CHARLES P. STEWART  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
BUENOS AYRES, Nov. 18.—(By Mail.)—"Man of Mystery" is a threadbare expression which should have been saved for Hipolito Irigoyen, first radical president of Argentina. People supposed they would "get a line" on Irigoyen after he took office, but he is as much a mystery as ever.

Irigoyen was elected president of Argentina on no platform. He made no promises. As radical party leader he professed no purpose beyond getting a fair national election. It is generally agreed that he got it. It was at this election that Irigoyen was chosen president.

It was assumed that Irigoyen would outline a policy in his inaugural address. He made no inaugural address. It was expected that he would explain himself through a manifesto. It was surmised that the make-up of his cabinet would give the public some inkling concerning his plans. The consensus of opinion is that his cabinet, as subsequently constituted, consists of eight rubber stamps, each bearing the impress: "Hipolito Irigoyen."

A little "who's who" of this cabinet follows: Carlos A. Becu, minister of foreign affairs, professor of international law in the Buenos Aires university, corporation attorney and author of certain works referring disrespectfully to the "A-B-C" combination, whose only "reason to be" if it has one, is declared to be that of checking "the robberies of the United States in Latin America."

Domingo E. Salaberry, minister of finance, multi-millionaire and lawyer who has, however, devoted most of his time to managing his huge cattle interests.

Elpidio Gonzales, minister of war, lawyer and radical party leader in the state of Cordoba.

Frederico Alvarez de Toledo, Jr., minister of marine, civil engineer and millionaire.

Ramon Gomez, minister of the interior, lawyer and radical party leader in the state of Santiago del Estero.

Honorio Pueyrredon, minister of agriculture, lawyer, millionaire and descendant of one of the leading families of Argentina.

Jose Salinas, minister of justice and public instruction. Government inspector of schools in the state of Juju.

Pablo Torello, minister of public works. Ex-newspaperman, lawyer and millionaire.

These men are all radicals. With one exception, they are Irigoyenists first and radicals afterward.

The exception is Becu. He is a real radical and a good many people question whether he will stay long in the cabinet. He is believed to have been the president's one sop to his party's wishes.

Salaberry is recognized as an able financier. Times are hard in Argentina now. It is expected that post-war readjustment period will be a very difficult one for the country.

There are a few guesses concerning Irigoyen but they are nothing better than guesses.

He is one of the most taciturn of men. The conservative press of Argentina hints that this is because he has nothing to say. It is trying to fasten on him the name of "King Midas," partly because everything the king touched turned to gold and partly because of his reputedly long ears.

Germans profess to think that the president is friendly toward the central powers but they can point to nothing he has ever said or done in support of this theory.

Some people express the opinion that he was elected as the representative of the Argentine land holders, just as they contend that his predecessor, Dr. de la Plaza, upheld the banking interests. This surmise seems to rest on no more tangible information than that Irigoyen is himself a large land owner.

It is reported that the church, a

## COACH SPUH OF NORMAL RESIGNS ENTERS PRACTICE

Big Stir Created Among Students by Announcement of Departure of Popular Physical Director

## MISS SPENCE ALSO QUILTS

Head of Domestic Science Department Since Foundation of School Gives Up Post

Dr. Carl B. Sputh, physical director and coach of the La Crosse normal school since 1913, has resigned. This announcement was made at chapel exercises Tuesday morning, and created a tremendous impression on the student body. Dr. Sputh's intention had been closely guarded and no rumor had reached the school.

Following the announcement of his resignation, Dr. Sputh told a representative of THE TRIBUNE that he had made arrangements to enter practice in Indianapolis, in partnership with Dr. L. K. Cline, a leading ear, nose and throat specialist of that city. Dr. Cline has been engaged in practice for forty years, and it is understood that Dr. Sputh is to take over a large part of his extensive practice.

Came in 1913  
Dr. Sputh came to La Crosse with the organization of the school of physical education in 1913, and has been the mentor of the athletic teams of the normal school as well as head of the physical education department, since that date. Because of his record of success in both departments, and the esteem in which he is held by the student body, the normal regents tried in every way to dissuade him from resigning.

Dr. Sputh's resignation will take effect February 1. He will have time to launch the school's basketball season and probably will have the team in good shape before leaving.

Three names, it was announced, are under consideration for Dr. Sputh's successor. They were not made public by the normal faculty, but it was said that none of them are from this part of the country.

**Miss Spence Resigns**  
Announcement of Dr. Sputh's resignation was followed by a similar announcement which created scarcely less stir among the students. It was the resignation of Miss Margaret Spence, head of the normal school department of domestic science since the foundation of the school in 1908. Miss Spence is to leave the school at the Christmas holidays.

It was announced that Miss Spence has resigned because of the failing health of an aunt living in Chicago. She will not return to the school for the first semester of 1917, but it is believed that she may resume her position next fall. Miss Spence is a graduate of the universities of Chicago and Wisconsin.

Dr. Sputh's educational qualifications include graduation from Normal college, studies at Butler college, a degree in medicine at Indiana University, graduation from the Illinois university school for coaches, the Gilbert normal school of dancing, and the university of Indiana, and graduate work in the Sargent school of physical education.

## FOUR POWERS WORRIED OVER CHINA INVASION BY AMERICAN FINANCE

TOKIO, Nov. 25.—(By Mail.)—Foreign powers interested in China and her riches are turning watchful eyes toward America and her inclination, recently shown, to take a hand in financing the Celestial republic. This has been illustrated by the action of the four-power loan group—Germany being no longer considered a member—in addressing an inquiry to the Chinese department of finance concerning the loan concluded by the Continental Commercial bank of Chicago.

The Japanese press, commenting on the recent activities of American financiers, declares the quadruple loan group should take steps to meet the new situation. Japan, England, France and Russia are members of this group. While Japan now has more money than ever before and is anxious to place it in China, handicapped has been encountered in the inability of the warring nations to cooperate at this time.

The Tokio Kokumin expresses its view of the situation thus: "The group will not permit other nations to trample upon their privilege of making loans to China. If the American government and capitalists mean to change their policy and make loans to China, they should expect to come into entangling conflicts with other powers interested in China."

state institution, was pro-Irigoyen at the last election, helped the radical candidate greatly at the polls and is well pleased to see him in the "Casa Dodanda," or Argentine white house. Irigoyen is known to have been liberal in his donations to the church but he is understood to be personally agnostically inclined.

The president, who is now very rich, was poor when he was young. It is understood that he gained his foothold on borrowed capital, used shrewdly in land speculation.

**Mothless Furs.**  
If you want a sure way to keep moths out of your furs when you put them away this spring, sprinkle tansy leaves over them. These are just as good as the popular black pepper, and hardly as trying to the sprinkler. They may also be used on woollens.

## X-RAY PICTURES OF WOUNDED FOOT SHOWN IN COURT

Milwaukee Expert for Plaintiff Says That Callahan Used Wrong Treatment

## DEFENSE SCORES ON HIM

Forces Admission from Him That Infection Might Have Started Before Dressing Wound

A diagnostic box, looking like a stereopticon lantern, used by physicians for "reading" X-ray photographs of the human body, was placed on Judge A. C. Fowler's desk in circuit court on Tuesday morning when Dr. Earnest H. Fowle, prominent Milwaukee physician and medical expert, took the witness stand in behalf of Bernard Bertelson's suit against Dr. John L. Callahan for the recovery of \$5,000 damages for alleged malpractice.

Attorney J. E. Higbee, counsel for Dr. Callahan, immediately registered an objection to the presence of the instrument in the case. Attorney George H. Gordon, who is prosecuting the suit for Bertelson, referred to it as an X-ray instrument.

Judge Fowler upheld Attorney Higbee's objection until it was pointed out that its function was much the same as that of a magic lantern. The box was lighted and window shades in the court room drawn tightly by the bailiff. X-ray photographs, taken under the direction of Dr. Adolph Gunderson when Bertelson was removed from the La Crosse hospital, were placed in the machine, and were observed and discussed upon until 11:30 o'clock, when Dr. Fowle's testimony was concluded.

**Shot is Shown**  
Immediately upon the two photographic plates being flashed into view innumerable white dots and splashes were noticed on them. Dr. Fowle explained to the court that the marks were the shot which Bertelson received in his foot and bits of splintered bone which he said were "splashed" through the flesh of the member at the time of the discharge.

Dr. Fowle estimated that fifty shot remained in Bertelson's foot after he was taken by relatives to the Lutheran hospital. The physician declared, while pointing with a pencil to various parts of the two photographs, that the fourth and fifth metatarsal bones of the injured foot had been splintered.

**Calls Treatment Improper**  
"The treatment given the member was not proper," Dr. Fowle declared, in answer to a question put to him by Attorney Gordon.

"The foot should first have been X-rayed. The surgeon should have been guided by what the X-ray showed. It was not necessary for him to have taken out the shot remote to the seat of the injury but the wound should have been thoroughly explored. The foot should have been opened at the first sign of a septic condition."

The plaintiff scored the biggest point of the day when Dr. Fowle declared that Bertelson's foot could have been saved with the proper care.

When Attorney Gordon released Dr. Fowle, he was immediately bombarded with questions by Attorney Higbee, who commenced the interrogations at the point where Attorney Gordon left off.

The plaintiffs staked one of the most important parts of their case on charges that Dr. Callahan did not exercise the proper caution when Bertelson's fever rose, after he had been in the hospital some weeks.

"The fever which Bertelson had could have been caused by many other things than the gun wound, could it not?" Attorney Higbee asked.

Dr. Fowle said that it could have. Dr. Fowle admitted that the treatment of the injury was largely up to the judgment of the physician.

**X-Ray Not Necessary**  
Dr. Fowle's testimony for the plaintiff boomeranged when, upon close questioning by Attorney Higbee, he stated that an X-ray photograph was not necessary as long as the wound of the patient was not causing trouble. Dr. Fowle had contended earlier in his testimony that the first thing which ought to be done was to use the X-ray.

"The wound was treated first by one of Bertelson's hunting party. Could infection which showed up later on have been caused at that time?" Higbee asked.

The attorney scored again when the Milwaukee physician answered in the affirmative.

With the resumption of the case after the noon recess on Monday, Bertelson, the complaining witness, told how he was shot while returning home from a hunting expedition with a party of friends. A friend of Bertelson was examining a single-barrel shot gun and it was pointed at his foot when suddenly discharged. Fifty or more No. 6 shot entered his foot. The accident occurred on November 1, 1914, near the village of Holmen. A physician was summoned from the village immediately and Bertelson's wounds temporarily cared for. He was then brought to La Crosse in an automobile and placed in the La Crosse hospital. Dr. Callahan was called.

"Dr. Callahan took the bandages off my foot and gave me an anesthetic right away," Bertelson said. "I was placed in the operating room immediately. For the first two weeks Dr. Callahan took off the packing around my wound and looked at it. One morning he did not even look at it."

**Fever and Pain**  
Bertelson said that after a time in the hospital he was taken with violent chills and accompanying fevers. He said that when he complained to Dr. Callahan about them Dr. Callahan said they were natural and to be expected. Bertelson declared that the chills and fever were accompanied by fearful pains in his injured foot and lower leg.

The witness gave a detailed account of his suffering and treatment until the day Dr. Gunderson amputated his foot. Bertelson said that he had dropped from 165 pounds to 138 pounds in weight.

**Dr. Gunderson on Stand**  
Dr. Adolph Gunderson was called by Attorney Gordon. The physician produced the X-ray plates and declared that about half a hundred shots remained in Bertelson's foot when he came to the Lutheran hospital.

"I advised Bertelson all along to have his foot amputated," said Dr. Gunderson. "I finally recommended the move to save his life." Dr. Gunderson said he found pieces of cloth in the foot when he examined it.

Mrs. Selma Meyer, and Louis Meyer, her husband, of 1327 Market street, told of visiting Bertelson at the La Crosse hospital and of his complaining to them of pains in his foot and leg.

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## DECLARES JAPANESE TRAINED WITH WAR ON U. S. IN VIEW

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Representative Miller, Minnesota, told the house foreign affairs committee Tuesday he had heard that Japan is training school children to prepare for "the conquest of America."

Miller said also there are many Japanese secret societies in the country preparing for possible war with the United States.

Miller's remarks were made to Miss Jane Addams, president of the Woman's Peace party, who, addressed the committee in support of a bill providing for an appointment of a commission of three to investigate the clause in the immigration bill relating to the exclusion of Japanese and to confer with a similar committee from Japan.

The bill is now pending in the senate.

The house had inserted a provision excluding from America all Asiatics not admissible to citizenship. The senate, at the suggestion of the state department and the request of Japanese embassy changed this section to read, in effect, that all Asiatics now excluded from citizenship by "gentlemen's agreement" and treaty, be refused admission to America.

**Milwaukee Barley Market**

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 12.—Barley closed dull Tuesday off 2 cents. Sales: One car No. 4, \$1.14; one car No. 4, \$1.09.

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Hackberry Was Placed in Soil by John Finn Upon Hearing of the Assassination

DECORAH, Iowa. — (Special.) — This city has a living testimonial of the burial of Abraham Lincoln, in the shape of a magnificent hackberry tree which stands at the corner of the alley which runs directly back of the sisters' school.

More than two feet in diameter, the tree commands the admiration of all who see it, though many are ignorant of its history, which is doubtless the most unique and distinctive of any tree in its state. On Saturday, April 14, 1865 John Finn, of this city was in Chicago and there heard the news of Lincoln's assassination. Upon returning to Decorah the next day and while yet in Bluffton township, he happened to see a small, newly formed tree which he dug up and brought to Decorah, planting it where it now stands, on April 18, the day Lincoln was buried.

For over forty-eight years the living testimonial to a great and good

man has flourished and it is hoped that a railing may be placed about it and a tablet raised, upon which the incidents tributary to its planting, may be given.

EXPECT JAP MOVE ON IMMIGRATION MATTER AFTER WAR

BY RALPH H. TURNER

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

TOKIO, Dec. 12.—Japanese approval is given here to the statement made in America by Baron Sakatani that after the war Japan would attempt to bring about a settlement of her immigration problem with the United States.

While the Japanese never have voiced the desire to break the gentleman's agreement, they feel that it is a most unsatisfactory arrangement. With the rise of Japan's power and her world commerce, the sentiment that the American railing is discriminatory becomes stronger. The belief that a revival of the question is inevitable is expressed by the Tokio Asahi, regarded by some persons as the leading newspaper of the capital.

"Baron Sakatani only voiced the sentiment of the Japanese nation," says the Asahi in speaking of the baron's declaration in the United States. "Why should the Japanese embassy have found it necessary to deny his statement? That the Japanese-American problem must be solved was a most representative opinion for Baron Sakatani to give."

"The gentleman's agreement was not a fundamental solution. It was only a temporary expedient. Baron Sakatani expressed the wishes of the nation that the two countries come to a perfect understanding of each other so the issues pending may be solved satisfactorily to all concerned."

CENTENARIAN SAYS PRESENT DAY YOUTH LEADS TOO FAST LIFE

FOND DU LAC, Wis., Dec. 12. — "The young people of today are leading too fast a life. If I had lived as they do I wouldn't be here today to start out on the second year of my second century with my engines working smoothly and my carburetor in prime condition. Just see that hand. See how steady it is. Can you beat it for a lad of 101?"

Thus spoke David Eaton after emerging from the festivities attending the celebration of his 101st birthday at his home in this city. Eaton was born in New Lisbon, N. Y., December 10, 1815. He has been a resident of Fond du Lac for more than sixty years, and a log driver, and believes that his life in the open and his customary daily walk which he still takes, are largely responsible for his longevity.

POLICE ON TRAIL OF PARTY THOUGHT HEADED BY BURGLAR

Two Men Traveling with Woman and Two Children Are Believed Implicated in Robberies

SEARCH FINDS NOTHING

Police Not Discouraged by the Failure and Believe Arrests May Come Soon

Two men, who left La Crosse on Monday with a woman who was the wife of one and her two children, are believed by the police to be responsible for the Sisson and Schwalbe burglaries of Thursday and Sunday. Withholding their names because the evidence against them is not yet strong enough to warrant arrests, the police nevertheless admitted on Monday that they have uncovered information which points strongly to the activity in the robberies of the two men under suspicion. Aid of the police departments in the city for which the party left has been enlisted, and the police on Tuesday morning were expecting that arrests would follow shortly if their plans do not miscarry.

The party was intercepted at a station midway between La Crosse and their destination Monday night, and the police of that place searched them and their luggage, but found none of the loot of the two robberies. Chief Webber, however, was not discouraged by that fact. He pointed out that the pair could easily have shipped their booty ahead of them, or to some other point.

The party has been staying at a quiet, out-of-the-way hotel since its arrival in La Crosse about a week ago. One of the men, however, was seen in the vicinity of the residence of Arthur Schwalbe, 325 South Seventeenth street, which was robbed on Sunday night, shortly before the burglary, and the police were watching them when they checked out of their hotel and left the city. They were not stopped because the authorities had not sufficient evidence, and did not wish to arouse suspicions.

Report Belgians Killed In Riot Over Deportation

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 12.—Killing of sixteen Belgians in a riot at Turcoing, Belgium, due to German deportations was reported by the newspaper Echo de Belge Tuesday. A German soldier who struck a Belgian with the butt of his gun was attacked by the crowd and the German troops in charge of the deportations responded with a fusillade. Many were wounded. Fifty Belgians were arrested.

LLOYD GEORGE IS BETTER BUT IS STILL CONFINED

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Premier Lloyd George was feeling better today after the chill which forced him to be confined Monday. His physicians, however, ordered that he remain in doors for another day or two.

FOUR KILLED IN LATEST AIR RAID

LONDON, Dec. 12.—One man and three women killed and thirty-seven persons injured, including seven children, the total casualty list from the last German air raid of November 27, was made public Tuesday by General French.

It was on this occasion that British flyers bagged two of the Zeppelins which made the attack.

SEEK NEW MARKETING METHODS FOR NATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The United States must affect a change in its marketing, if it would have relief from high prices, department of agriculture experts said Monday.

While the department of justice continued its delving into suspected food price conspiracies, the agriculture experts worked on methods of improving market conditions. Taking a leaf from European experience, they hope to present comprehensive plans whereby every city can improve its present methods. They seek to eliminate much of the waste, hope to chop out some of the middlemen's profits and by better organization utilize many pennies now going to loss.

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	Lo.	Hi.	P.
Boston	34	44	.16
Charleston	48	40	.64
New York	34	40	.30
Washington	34	36	.60
Galveston	38	52	0
Jacksonville	68	..	..
New Orleans	34	58	.18
Chicago	26	34	.06
La Crosse	14	28	.10
Madison	20	28	.02
Memphis	24	40	0
Milwaukee	22	34	.06
Bismarck	10	6	.04
Huron	0	10	.10
Kansas City	12	22	0
St. Paul	14	..	.10
Boise	26	30	.12
Denver	20	32	.02
Helena	24	36	.06
Miles City	10	24	.42
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BY JAMES R. KUNSLOE - EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Tuesday, December 12, 1916.

Permanent Roads the Only Roads

Permanent road construction is a subject of so great importance at this time that we feel justified in giving up our entire column to it this week.

In this connection, we consider ourselves extremely fortunate in being permitted to present to our readers the opinion of Mr. G. A. Ricker, former Highway Commissioner of New York.

"An intelligent business man or manufacturer seeking a location for his plant gives first consideration to the means for transporting his products. Farming is business, and the farmer, as much as any other business man, needs to consider the means of transportation. A road system is one of the transportation, just as a line of boats or a railroad is a system of transportation.

"Good roads are so important to the financial, social and educational well-being of the community that no enumeration of their advantages is likely to include all the benefits. Extending in various directions they form the arteries of the life of the town or community. They are the currents of traffic, and as such their condition frequently means the profit or loss on the sale of produce and determines the ability of one community with another.

"Good roads benefit more people than any other institution. The road problem is not a local matter for the road districts or townships to handle. A good road is a universal public benefaction. There is not a single member of the community who does not receive advantage and pleasure from it. It is the most democratic of all public institutions. All have a share in the benefits of a good road, and these are not the only beneficiaries, for the road is not alone for the use of those living in the locality. Any person living in any part of the world has an equal right, with every other to use the highway, and the introduction of the automobile has extended the use of the public highways more than ever before.

"Good roads add to the social advantages. The paved street and the white way abruptly terminating at the city limits in a mud road with insurmountable culverts and bridges will do more to stratify society and to encourage the best boys and girls to leave the farm than anything else. Improved roads strengthen the country church, tend towards better living, and bring a good class of citizenship into the community, and help to hold a fair share of the best boys and girls on the farm, for they permit easier intercourse between the people of the farms and the people of the cities. Good roads also encourage the extension and improvement of the rural mail and parcel post service.

"Good roads make it possible to have better advantages for the farm boys and girls. Improved roads and good schools are the two institutions on which we must largely depend for whatever success we have in perpetuating the principles of democracy upon which our forefathers founded the nation. The colleges, universities, normals and city schools have received most of the benefits of the educational progress made in the last twenty-five years. The city schools are well organized and well equipped, but the rural schools where more than sixteen millions of our future citizens are studying, and where eight per cent of the farmers and farmer's wives of tomorrow are to receive all the education they will get, are on the whole less efficient than they were twenty-five years ago.

"Good roads facilitate the transportation of products. The farmer uses his own roads or rail or water transportation a hundred times to every one time of any other means of transportation. All his marketable products must pass on wagons

or motor trucks over the highways. A good highway permits him to haul double what he could over a bad one, thus enabling him to market a crop in one-half the time, or it places him one-half the distance nearer the market. Distance is now measured in time and not in miles.

"Good roads reduce the cost of transportation. The cost of transportation by water is about a quarter of a cent and by rail is about four-fifths of a cent per ton per mile. On a well improved highway the cost of hauling is from five to twelve cents per ton per mile and on an ordinary road from twenty to fifty cents per ton per mile. If the size of the load hauled could be increased and hauled faster at a time when motive power on the farm is cheapest and when prices of farm products are higher, a very material saving could be made in the cost of highway transportation. To haul larger loads faster and cheaper simply means that the surface must be made smoother and harder, for a larger part of the year.

"We have discussed the general proposition of better roads and have made an argument which seems to us convincing for the improvement of the more important avenues of traffic with some form of permanent construction. If I were able now, or had ever been competent to advice on large financial questions, I might have been a banker instead of an engineer. In all fields of development, however, there are a few fundamental and general rules which may be comprehended even by the amateur in finance.

"I take it that in road building we cannot get a better general rule than this: The more permanent the construction, that is, the larger the proportion of the total expenditures for construction which are made, 'one for all,' the greater will be the propriety of using the proceeds of long time loans for such construction. The building of roads that are not permanent with long term bond issues is an economic blunder. If temporary construction is adopted, and by temporary I mean the various earth, gravel and macadam types, the roads are gone while the bonds still demand an annual payment of interest and eventually refunding by a generation that has received no benefit. If, through costly maintenance, they have been kept in reasonable condition, the total of an initial cost, interest and maintenance is too great and the burden of refunding has been passed on to a generation already burdened by excessive maintenance."

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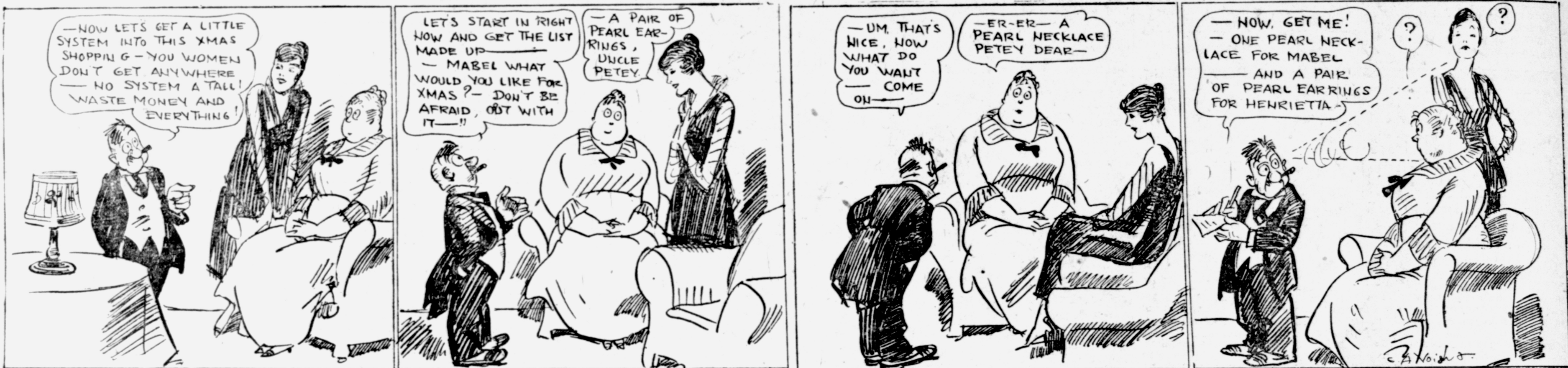
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PETEY DINK—Yes, There Seems to Be a Lack of System

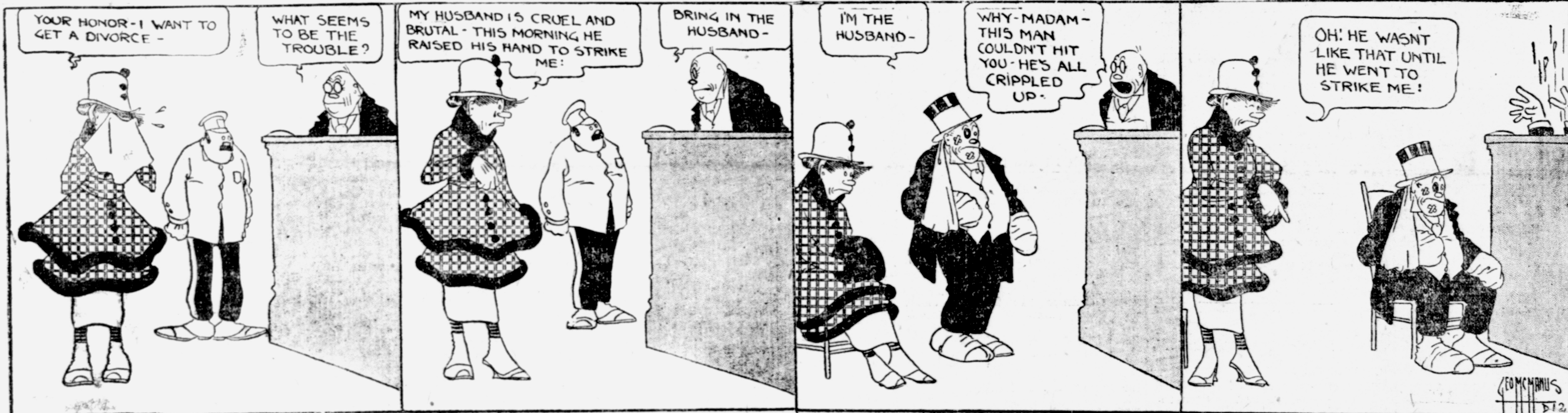
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THE HASKIN LETTER

Pebbles and Gems

BY FREDERIC J. HASKIN  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.

THE OTHER day a young lady out in the wilds of Montana went out in her father's truck patch, and throwing herself prostrate among the turnips and onions started to cry. The young lady was doubtless blessed with artistic temperament, but besides that she had suffered a disappointment that would have wrung tears from a

sphinx. She had just discovered that the money she had saved to go to New York and study the violin would have to be used in paying the expenses for an operation on her younger brother. After she had cried for quite awhile, partly about her brother and partly about her blighted career, she started to get up and as she did so, she overturned a rock. The rock was of peculiar crystal substance and had several clear, blue stones in it. Those blue stones were sapphires.

The moral to this tale is the triumph of virtue of course, and also the wisdom of keeping an eye on your back yard. This young woman is now studying in New York on the proceeds of her father's garden patch, which a year ago would not even keep the family adequately

supplied in vegetables. But the most cheerful part of this incident is that it is by no means the only one of its kind. The geological survey in Washington is constantly in receipt of inquiries concerning valuable stones picked up by various fortunate individuals in their barnyards or potato fields, on a mountain trail or in a rocky woodland. Usually the deposits do not occur in great quantities, but in an isolated layer of rock. In fact, the instances where single diamonds or rubies have been discovered are numerous. On the other hand, occasionally a large mine of precious stones will be unearthed in a section that had formerly been considered gemless.

Gem-production in the United States is small compared to that of other countries, and might be almost termed a casual industry. By this it is meant that a great many of the most valuable stones are produced unexpectedly from spots like the Montana garden patch by individuals, although, of course, there are many incorporated mining concerns working mines in various parts of the country. The total production of precious stones and gems during 1915 is valued by the geological survey at \$170,431, which is nearly \$46,431, which is nearly \$46,000 higher than in 1914 when the production was the lowest in any year since 1898. Whereas, the value of the gems and precious stones imported from abroad approximated \$26,193,862 in 1915, which was an increase of \$6,982,778 over 1914.

Montana leads the states in gem production, by a two-thirds majority. Sapphires and moss agate are its chief output, although some garnet and Iceland spar were also mined last year. California ranks second in the value of its precious gems, its output consisting of tourmaline, jasper, chalcodony, agate, beryl, garnet, a few diamonds, topaz and lazurite. Nevada and Colorado also mine fairly large quantities of precious gems every year, and Oregon, Arizona, Utah, New Mexico, Alaska, Virginia, Maine and Arkansas all have mines in operation that produce gems in commercial quantities. At present, the attention of gem merchants is riveted on Arkansas, where a diamond mine has recently been started. For reasons of its own, this concern refuses to give out any in-

formation whatever as to the number of diamonds being produced, and the gem trade is therefore somewhat skeptical.

The production of diamonds of good quality has always been so small in this country that the announcement that these gems are being mined in any locality always creates a great deal of curiosity and interest in the trade circles. Thus when a couple of years ago a stock company was organized to mine diamonds in a western state which had never been known to produce a diamond before, the trade picked up its ears and waited. The first diamonds from this mine to reach New York markets were fine large stones of exceptional brilliancy that brought big prices, in fact, that the success of the stock company seemed assured. Then one of the stones was taken to the precious gem expert of the geological survey.

The expert examined the diamond, and then looked at the purchaser gravely. "Are you absolutely sure that this diamond was taken out of the mine you mention?" he asked.

The purchaser replied that it was sold to him as such by a member of the diamond stock company.

"Well, that is very odd," declared the expert, "because this diamond happens to have come from Brazil."

Subsequently, it was found that

all the other diamonds in this alleged mine had also come from foreign sources, and that the real object of the company was merely to make a few thousand dollars on its stock. The stones had been buried carefully in marked places in the ground and dug up just as carelessly before a gaping audience of villagers who spread the news. While such a scheme may often reach a successful conclusion in the exploits of the famous Mr. Wallingford, it is extremely difficult to carry out before the cold scientific gaze of the United States gem experts. If a stone comes from California or New Jersey, they know it, and it is a waste of time to try and make them believe it came from Siam.

The present chief gem expert of the geological survey is Mr. Waldemar T. Schaller, popularly known to his friends and associates in the survey as "Sunny Jim." He is a tall blond young man with a good natured expression in spite of his profound knowledge of geology and mineralogy and his reputation as a gem sleuth. Mr. Schaller studied at the University of Munich and Heidelberg, after which he traveled all over the gem producing countries of Europe, making notes on trade conditions and commercial methods as well as the natural resources. He has visited all the principal gem mines of this country; he knows the exact rock formation of various sections and just how many separate stones and specimens those sections have produced, and he has procured many remarkable gem specimens for the National Museum in Washington.

In Mr. Schaller's office on the top floor of the geological survey in Washington, there is a certain somewhat dingy cabinet that contains all sorts of precious stones. If you ask Mr. Schaller about the emeralds of South Africa he will pull out a secret drawer of his cabinet and produce one and let you look at it. A North Carolina ruby he carries in his vest pocket, while at the mention of California tourmaline he will bring forth a whole painful of moist red clay and rock in which you can see exactly how the small light pink and lavender stones are found. The fact that these stones are worth a great deal of money seems to mean nothing in the life of Mr. Schaller. To him they are merely scientific

specimens valuable to the world only in their connection with studies of rock formation and mineralogy.

Thus, if you find a sapphire or two in your onion patch, or a diamond on your front lawn either send the stones or a description of them to Mr. Schaller, and he will tell you just what they are worth and whether you are likely to find any more of them. If you find many of them, in fact, the survey may send him on to your town to investigate the possible resources of your land. At any rate, his experience seems to indicate that it is a good thing to keep your eyes open when you are dealing with apparently insignificant rocks.

AMERICAN TAKEN TO MILITARY TRIAL

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Dec. 12.—Ricardo Solidis, American citizen, arrested in Matamoros last week on unknown charges, on Monday was taken to Ciudad Victoria, capital of Tamaulipas State, for military trial, over protests of United States Consul Johnson. The consul had warned General Caballero, de facto commandant at Matamoros, that such action possible would have grave results as he had reported the matter to Secretary Lansing.

Swollen Ankles and Feet Are Indications of Kidney Trouble



Swollen ankles and feet are forms of a dropsical condition, due to disordered kidneys. Naturally when the kidneys are deranged the blood is filled with poisonous waste matter, which settles in the feet, ankles and wrists; or under the eyes in bag-like formations. It is just as necessary to keep the kidneys acting properly as to keep the bowels active, says an eminent physician. When one is sick the first thing to be done is to thoroughly test the kidney secretions. The very best possible way to take care of yourself is to take a little "Anuric" with the meals. In this way it is readily dissolved with the food, picked up by the blood and finally reaches the kidneys, where it has a tonic effect in rebuilding these organs. "Anuric" was recently discovered by Dr. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y.; it has been thoroughly tested in his laboratory as well as in his Invalids' Hotel. Everyone can quickly associate Dr. Pierce with his great herbal restorative tonic, "Golden Medical Discovery," and his "Favorite Prescription," universally known as an invigorator for womanly ills. A different person daily offers his or her words of praise of "Anuric." Now Mr. W. R. Bray speaks: "I am appealing to those who are bothered with backache and a constant tired, worn-out feeling to give 'Anuric' a trial. I suffered from backache, swelling of hands and feet, frequent excretion from the kidneys and many other symptoms. Was unable to work, but after taking just one box of Doctor Pierce's Anuric, according to directions, I am again able and 'O. K.' Step into the drug store and ask for a 50c package of 'Anuric,' or send Dr. Pierce 10c for trial package. 'Anuric' is 37 times more potent than lithia.

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SAYS WE BLAZED TRAIL

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Not sin but virtue is seen by Dr. Anna Howard Shaw in the apple eating incident of the Garden of Eden.

"Eve," she told the Institute of Arts and Sciences at Columbia university, took the first step toward feminism in partaking of the fruit of the Tree of knowledge. Though overcome, retarded and side-tracked on the way through the sex degeneracy of some women, nevertheless there has been ever present in woman that aspiration.

No Chance After That.

"Pa, why did you never become rich?" "I guess I married too young in life, my boy."

MARKET BREAK FOLLOWS WORD OF PEACE PROPOSALS

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 12.—Wheat dropped four cents on the Minneapolis market a few seconds after the flash of Germany's peace tender was received. The market is hanging anxiously on further word.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Announcement of Germany's peace terms caused a sensational decline in wheat Tuesday. Compared with Monday night's close, December lost 10 1/2 cents; May 9 1/2 c, and July 5c. December closed at \$1.54; May at \$1.65 1/2; July at \$1.43. The market closed steady weak, heavy declines being registered in the last hour.

Corn was lower. December down 1/4 c at 88 1/2 c; May down 1 1/4 c at 90 1/2 c; July down 1/4 c at 90 1/2 c.

Oats were down slightly. December down 1/4 c at 50 1/2 c; May down 1/4 c at 54 1/2 c; July down 1/4 c at 51 1/2 c. Provisions were higher.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 12.—Wheat prices had dropped seven cents a bushel on the Kansas City market by 10:35 o'clock Tuesday following the announcement of Germany's peace proposals.

Chicago Livestock

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Hogs closed slow and steady Tuesday with top at \$12.50. Receipts were 4,000 below estimates. Estimated for Wednesday 61,000.

Cattle closed weak with top for heaves at \$12.60; calves \$12.75. Receipts were 1,000 above estimates. Sheep were steady. Top at \$9.60; lambs \$13.20.

UNION STOCK YARDS, Ill., Dec. 12.—Hogs—Receipts, 49,000; market slow and weak; mixed and butchers, \$9.45 to \$10.20; good to heavy, \$9.60 to \$10.05; rough heavy, \$9.60 to \$9.75; light, \$9.00 to \$9.90; pigs, \$6.85 to \$8.80.

Cattle—Receipts, 7,000; market weak; heaves, \$7.00 to \$12.60; cows and heifers, \$3.85 to \$10.25; stockers and feeders, \$4.60 to \$7.85; Texans, \$7.85 to \$9.30; calves, \$9.50 to \$12.75.

Sheep—Receipts, 16,000; market steady; native, \$8.70 to \$9.25; western, \$8.75 to \$9.60; native lambs, \$10.50 to \$13.20; western lambs, \$10.75 to \$13.20.

Kansas City Livestock

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 12.—Cattle—Receipts, 15,000; market steady; steers, \$6 to \$12; cows and heifers, \$5.25 to \$10.50; stockers and feeders, \$5.75 to \$8; calves, \$6.50 to \$11.

Hogs—Receipts, 22,000; market steady; bulk, \$9.50 to \$10; heavy, \$9.90 to \$10.05; medium, \$9.70 to \$10; light, \$9.40 to \$9.85.

Sheep—Receipts, 7,000; market 10 to 15c higher; lambs, \$11.75 to \$12.85; ewes, \$7.50 to \$8.75; stockers and feeders, \$6 to \$12.

Chicago Barley-Rye Market

Cash barley—90c to \$1.20. Rye—No. 2, \$1.42 to \$1.43. Timothy—\$3.50 to \$5.50. Clover—\$12.00 to \$17.00.

Chicago Produce

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Butter—Creamery extras, 37c; extra firsts, 35 1/2 c to 36c; firsts, 33c to 35c; seconds, 31c to 32c.

Cheese—Twins, 25 1/2 c to 25 3/4 c; Young Americas, 26 1/2 c to 26 3/4 c. Live poultry—Fowls, 13 to 17c; ducks, 17 to 17 1/2 c; geese, 16 to 17c; turkeys, 20c.

Potatoes—Receipts, 25 cars; Wisconsin and Minnesota white stock, \$1.50 to \$1.60; Fancy Wests, \$1.60 to \$1.70.

Chicago Cash Grain

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Wheat—No. 2 red, \$1.65; No. 2 hard, \$1.71 1/4 to \$1.71 1/2.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, 91 1/4 to 91 3/4 c; No. 3 yellow, 88 1/2 c to 90 1/2 c; No. 4 yellow, 87 1/2 c to 90c; No. 5 yellow, 87 to 89 1/2 c; No. 2 white, 91 to 9c; No. 3 white, 90 to 90 1/2 c; No. 4 white, 88 1/2 c to 89 1/2 c; No. 3 mixed, 89 to 90 1/2 c; No. 4 mixed, 88 to 90c; No. 5 mixed, 86 to 89c; No. 6 mixed, 86 to 88c.

Oats—No. 3 white, 51 1/2 c to 52 1/2 c; standard, 52 to 53c.

Grain

WHEAT

Dec. .158 159 153 1/4 154  
May .174 174 164 165 1/2  
July .146 146 141 143

CORN

Dec. .89 89 87 87 1/2  
May .91 91 89 89 1/2  
July .91 91 88 88 1/2

OATS

Dec. .51 51 49 49  
May .55 55 51 51 1/2  
July .52 52 48 50

PORK

Jan. .26.60 26.72 26.25 26.72  
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Dec. .16.17 16.72 16.17 16.72  
Jan. .15.70 16.30 16.60 16.25

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Cider, refined, 1/2 bbl. . . . . \$4.00

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Every dime returned in change in this store Wednesday will be a brand new, shiny one, not a shined up old one but a real 1916 dime of the new and much talked of coinage.

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**25c** for 4 pounds of Fancy Blue Rose Head Rice.

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**25c** for 3 cans of Grandad brand Corn. Limit 3 cans.

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**25c** for 3 cans of Wisconsin Sweet Royal Peas.

### MACARONI

**25c** for 3 packages of Creamettes, Macaroni, Spaghetti or Noodles.

### RAISINS

**25c** for 2 15 ounce packages Fancy Seeded Raisins.

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**25c** for 1 pound Citron, Orange or Lemon Peel, assorted.

### PEACHES

**25c** for one No. 10 can Michigan Pie Peaches.

### SOAP

**25c** for 9 bars of Swift's Pride Soap. Delivered with other groceries.

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## Sport News

### EAU CLAIRE MAY PLAY LOCALS IF SPARTA BACKS OUT

It is possible that La Crosse basketball fans will be able to see the Eau Claire quintet in action in the Hixon gymnasium. Layton Gouldin, faculty manager of athletics at the high school, said Monday that Sparta is not satisfied with the dates, February 2 and 9, given her on the La Crosse schedule. In the case that Sparta backs out, Eau Claire will be given a chance with Coach Bell's basket shooters.

### QUINN'S AUTOMATIC BASEBALL

Game now open for the season. Liberal prizes. Come and break a balloon and get a prize.

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### BASKET SQUAD AT NORMAL CUT DOWN TO FIFTEEN MEN

The squad of about forty basketball men at the normal school who competed during the course of the past week for coveted positions in the group of players to be retained by the coach for the regular work-outs, was cut considerably on Tuesday. The fifteen best men in the institution have been given the summons and will start in on the annual grind to determine who will hold down the first five positions.

It would prove a most difficult task to successfully pick the firsts at this date, for the entire squad is most evenly matched, there being only a small range of quality from the poorest to the best. Here are the fifteen men who have been called by Coach Sputh to make up the regular normal squad: Captain Meinert, Grounds, Hoepfner, Welmer, Lyon, Jameson, Hodge, Fagin, Cannon, Benjamin, Winner, Huber, Olson, Roellig and Kulczynski.

The normal mentor will take a decided step toward a more efficient five this year in his plan to refuse to allow the first team men to play on the class fives for the championship of the school. In other years it was

often necessary for the regular men to play themselves out in the class games before competing in the regular contests on the week-ends. None of this will be tolerated this year. Coach Sputh has also signified his intentions of keeping the second team men also from the inter-class contests but has not definitely decided whether this step will be taken.

With the advent of the basketball season the parting knell was sounded for the 1916 gridiron festivities Monday evening, when the normal squad and their coaches were entertained at the home of President Cotton, who gave a dinner for the men. The warriors listened to speeches from the president, the coaches, Captain Miller and Captain-elect Kulczynski.

### WANTS STECHER-SANTEL GO

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 12.—Should Ad Santel, local wrestler, throw Stranger Lewis in their bout here Tuesday night, a strong effort will be made to match him with Joe Stecher. Frank Sculer, promoter, declares Stecher has already promised to come here for a bout in February and that either Santel or Lewis will meet the Nebraskan.

### DUFFY WINS BY K. O.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 12.—Jimmy Duffy of Lockport, N. Y., knocked out Eddie Melzer in the eighth round Monday night.

### KILBANE EASY VICTOR

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Dec. 12.—Johnny Kilbane scored an easy win over Alvin Miller of Lorain here in twelve rounds Monday night.

### BOWLING

#### CITY LEAGUE

Standings		
Nelson Clothing Co.	21	6
S. and H. Cigars	22	11
Williams' Stars	16	11
Maders No. 1	12	556
Bodegas	16	14
Lotus	14	16
Bijou	13	17
Maders No. 2	13	20
Majestics	11	19
Opacos	6	24

#### S. and H. Cigars

Huebner	150	197
E. Erickson	169	188
Dockendorf	204	176
O. Erickson	166	223
A. J. Miller	170	174
Handicap	17	12
Totals	876	970

#### GREINER IN HOSPITAL

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Art Greiner, former speed demon, now an automobile broker here, is at the psychopathic hospital, suffering a nervous breakdown. His condition is laid to an accident at the Indianapolis speedway in 1911, when he was seriously injured and his mechanic killed.

## CHARITIES ARE PLANNED FOR THE CITY OF SPARTA

Churches and Societies Plan  
Associated Charities for  
Monroe County  
Seat

SPARTA, Wis.—(Special.)—The subject of Associated Charities has been agitated for some time in the city for Sparta has long felt the need of some systematized method of giving aid, and now an organized movement along these lines will take place in the near future, representing the churches of the city and other organizations. In a place of this size, this is necessary in order to accomplish the best results. Definite plans for the work will be announced later.

### To Elect Officers

A regular meeting of Sparta Chapter Royal Arch Masons will take place in Masonic hall Wednesday evening. There will be election of officers, the degree of Royal Arch Mason will be conferred and a banquet supper will be served at 6:30 o'clock, preceding the business meeting.

### Pneumonia Causes Death

Mary Dorothy Marvin died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Burke, town of Little Falls, from double pneumonia. Rev. Clifford and Rev. McTavish conducted the funeral service and interment was in Mount Hope cemetery. Her husband, and a year old baby survive her, also her parents, one brother and one sister mourn her death.

### Body Brought Home

The body of John Button, who died at his home, 722 George street in North La Crosse, were brought to Sparta Thursday afternoon for burial in Mount Hope cemetery. Rev. Clifford officiated at a brief service at the grave. Mr. Button was a former resident of Angelo. The Button family of Melrose, who were relatives of the deceased were in the city to meet the funeral party and accompanied them to the cemetery.

### High School Notes

The Agricultural club of the Sparta high school gave a very interesting program at their meeting last week. Mr. Cusick secured some very interesting and educational lantern slides from the extension department of the university, about which he talked.

An instructive talk on "The Feeding and Making of Silage," was given by Herman Gilbertson, after which an "old fashioned farm lunch" was served.

At the meeting of the Jefferson Debating club, Harry Potter and Bennie Shlimovitz gave extemporaneous speeches. The debate for the evening was postponed because some of the debaters were absent. Matters of business occupied the remainder of the evening.

The first basket ball game of the season was played at Cashton Friday evening. The score being 19 to 17 in favor of Sparta.

The stores in the city are all assuming their holiday attire and begin to look quite festive. The merchants have put on an extra force of clerks, but as yet the final Christmas rush has not started.

### Local and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Soren Nelson and son, Olavus of Kendrick, Idaho, were visitors the past week at the Ole Doxrud home. Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Doxrud being sisters. They came by way of Spokane and after their visit in Wisconsin is completed will return by way of New Orleans and Los Angeles. Mr. Nelson went to Idaho twenty-seven years ago.

Attorney William Gleiss of Tomah has been in the city on legal business before the county court.

Mrs. George Newton spent Saturday in La Crosse.

Mrs. Louis Youngman is ill in St. Mary's hospital.

Miss Genevieve Holcomb of La Crosse spent Sunday in the city with her aunt, Mrs. George Newton.

Mrs. George Ellis is assisting in the office work in the Austin Hillier store.

Miss Naomi Holden, who has been associated with her sister, Mrs. Charles Roy, in the Holden millinery establishment for several years, has returned to her home in Winona where she will go into the pharmacy business with her father.

Fred Baldwin has returned home from a trip to Chicago.

Ray Pittenger has been in Rochester, Minn., visiting his mother, who is a patient in the hospital there.

Will Prazier has moved from the Sparta Hotel into his residence near the fair grounds.

Z. S. Rice spent Monday in Rockland on business.

The Advance club meets on Tuesday night with Mrs. Paul Schaller.

Mrs. Charles Muehlkamp has returned from a visit with relatives in Cuba City.

Mrs. William Ford of Milwaukee, is a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hewitt.

Mrs. Swartz of Summit, formerly Miss Martha Baumbach of this city, is ill in St. Mary's hospital.

Miss Nellie Wood, superintendent of the Deaconess home in Brook-

### VENISON BANQUET

The Fifth Annual Banquet of the La Crosse County Hunting and Fishing Association will be held at the Northwestern Hotel, Wednesday, Dec. 13, 1916, at seven o'clock sharp. The members and ladies and friends are cordially invited. Be sure to get your tickets early so that the committee will know how many to provide for. Tickets on sale at Hebert's Drug Store, Young's Drug Store, Marvin &amp; Dubraks, North Side, and at the Northwestern Hotel. Bill says: "Don't eat your supper at home, we have plenty cats." BANQUET COMMITTEE.



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ings, S. D., is spending a couple of weeks in the city at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wood.

Mrs. Charles Roy visited her parents in Winona last week. Emery Jones is assisting in the Austin Hillier store.

Mrs. Harry Stevens of Verden, S. D., is in St. Mary's hospital, where she underwent an operation.

George Mansergh and Mr. Summerville of North Bend, were entertained at the William Hewitt home last week.

### EQUIPMENT

The white house is said to have the most intricate and complete electrical system installed in any building in this country. There are in the mansion nearly 170 miles of wires, providing for 3,000 incandescent lights, a bell system, a private telephone system for the president and his family exclusively, burglar alarms, fire alarms and a power system which supplies current to ventilating fans and an automatic elevator.

### WALLACE TO FIGHT IN TEXAS

FORT WORTH, Texas, Dec. 12.—Otto Wallace of Milwaukee and Bobby Waugh of Fort Worth, lightweights, will box fifteen rounds here the night of December 18. Wallace recently stopped Waugh in the third round.

### OLD MEN EAGER TO PROVE WORTH

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—More than 2,000 old men have answered offers of employment by firms here who are trying to break the tradition that a man is ready for the scrap heap at forty-five. The men will be placed with young workers and given a chance to show that they can come back.

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